

NELLIS FAMILY HISTORY

1708 to 1896.

Also Short Sketches of the
Klock, Warner, Hall, Fassett,
and Gray Families.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, October 15th, 1896.

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Being asked recently if any of the Nellis family were in the War of the Revolution, I could not answer the question, neither could I tell the name of my great-grandfather. This set me to thinking that it was time some record was made whereby future generations might know something of the lives of their forebears.

Not making any pretension to literary merit, I trust that all defects as to style may be overlooked. The facts and dates, however, as herein set forth, can be relied upon. I wish to give credit to D. C. Nellis, of Topeka, Kansas, for most of the information relative to Christian, William and Johannes Nellis, and their early settlement with the Palatines on the Mohawk; also to George H. Fassett, of Ashtabula, Ohio, for many of the records of the J. I. D. Nellis and Klock families.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 15, 1896.

A. W. Nellis.



JOHN D. NELLIS.



J. I. D. NELLIS.



REUBIN NELLIS.



ALFRED WARNER NELLIS.



RALPH H. NELLIS.

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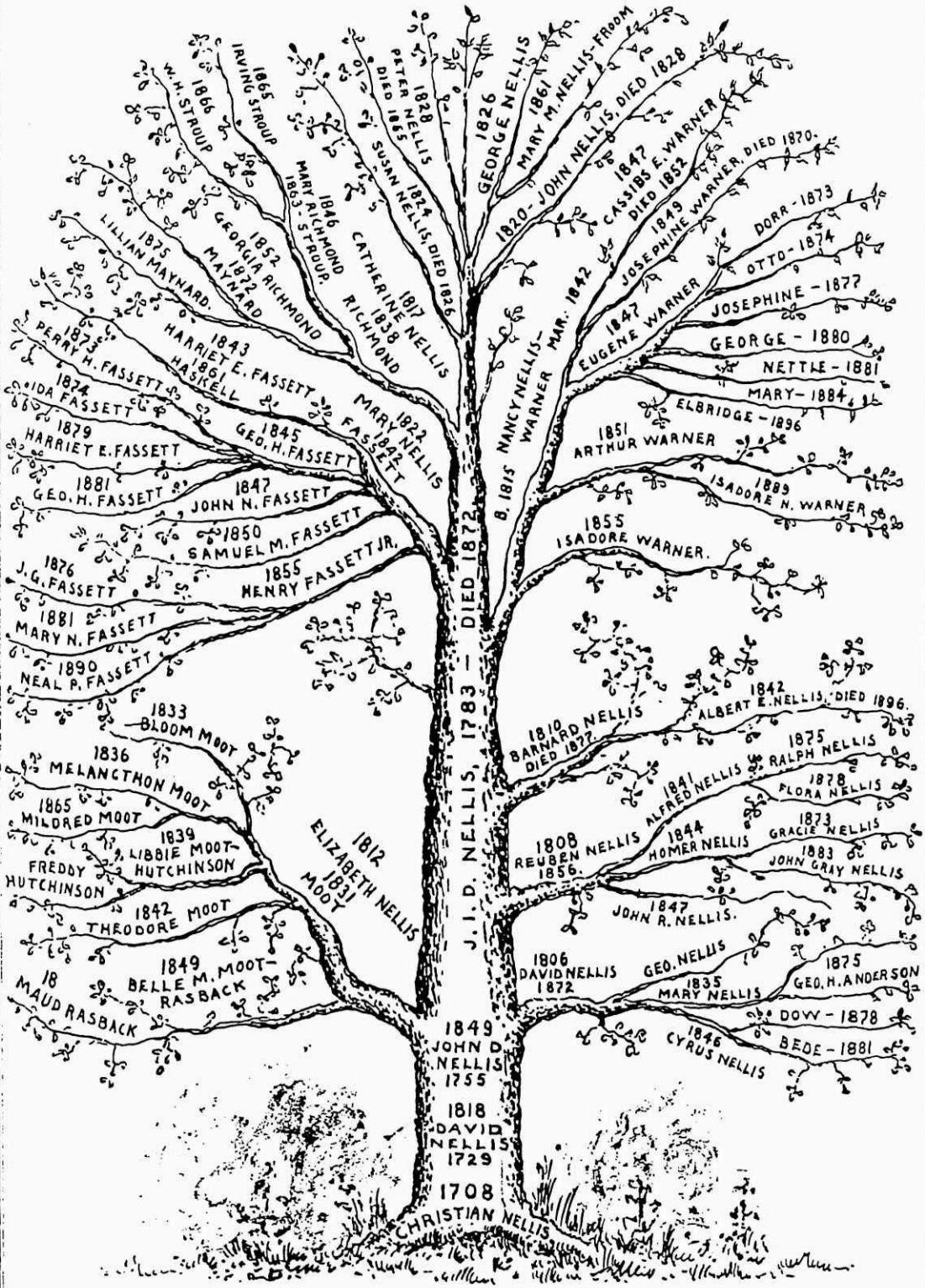
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NELLIS FAMILY TREE, 1708 TO 1896.

Summary of the Forebears of
Ralph Hall Nellis and Flora Nellis.

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1 Christian Nellis	Born No Record,	Died about 1780
2 David Nellis,	Born Dec. 25, 1729	Died Dec. 29, 1818
3 John D. Nellis,	Born Dec. 10, 1755	Died Mar. 1, 1849
4 John I. D. Nellis	Born Feb. 24, 1783	Died Dec. 3, 1849
5 Reuben Nellis,	Born Mar. 30, 1808	Died Jun. 24, 1856
6 Alfred W. Nellis	Born Nov. 2, 1841	
7 Ralph Hall Nellis	Born June 3, 1875	
7 Flora Nellis,	Born Jul. 23, 1878	

Forebears Of
John Gray Nellis and Gracie Nellis.

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5 Reuben Nellis,	Born Mch. 30, 1808	Died Jun. 24, 1856
6 Homer C. Nellis	Born Aug. 17, 1844	
7 Gracie Nellis	Born Jul. 6, 1873	Died Dec. 30, 1878
7 John Gray Nellis	Born Sep. 15, 1825	Died Feb. 21, 1898

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Uncles and Aunts.
of

A. W. Nellis, H. C. Nellis and J. R. Nellis

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	Born	Died
Axtell, Exeline,	April 13, 1827	
Axtell, Izri,		Jan. 8, 1888
Fassett, Mary,	Feb. 13, 1822	Jan. 5, 1859
Fassett, Henry,	Sept. 14, 1817	
Moot, Elizabeth,	Sept. 26, 1812	March 31, 1890
Moot, Daniel,	March 26, 1804	Aug. 3, 1891
Nellis, David,	May 5, 1806	Oct. 6, 1872
Nellis, Caroline,	Oct. 22, 1809	Mch. 20, 1848
Nellis, Eliza,		June 13, 1873
Nellis, Barnhart,	Aug. 14, 1810	Mch. 21, 1877
Nellis, Clarissa,	Aug. 18, 1817	Mch. 25, 1877
Nellis, John,	March 21, 1820	June 7, 1828
Nellis, Susan,	May 2, 1824	Sept. 4, 1826
Nellis, Peter,	Sept. 28, 1828	Feb. 24, 1855
Nellis, George,	Jan. 24, 1826	
Nellis, Louise,	July 10, 1840	
Richmond, Catharine,	Oct. 1, 1817	Aug. 14, 1863
Richmond, Parley,	Nov. 9, 1814	July 25, 1890
Warner, Stephen,	Aug. 6, 1816	Jan. 16, 1892
Warner, Lucy Ann,	Oct. 1, 1820	
Warner, Nancy,	Feb. 26, 1815	Mar. 13, 1865
Warner, Elbridge,	Dec. 15, 1811	Mar. 11, 1884
Warner, Mrs. Shears,		
Warner, Mrs. Sheverell,		

COUSINS OF

A. W. NELLIS, H. C. NELLIS AND J. R. NELLIS.

Axtell, Mary,	Mrs. Julius Byles,	Titusville, Pa.,
Axtell, Ney W.,		Died Oct. 25, 1871
Axtell, Ralph I.,		Died Jan. 27, 1862
Axtell, Emma,		Died Jan. 18, 1862
Axtell, Laura A.,		Painesville, Ohio,
Fassett, George,		Ashtabula, Ohio,
Fassett, Samuel,		Ashtabula, Ohio,
Fassett, John,		Died 1870
Fassett, Henry,		Ashtabula, Ohio,
Moct, Daniel E.,		Oneida, N. Y.,
Moct, M. M.,		Clockville, N. Y.,
Moct, Libbie N. Mrs. C. Hutchinson		Syracuse, N. Y.,
Moct, Theodore,		Clockville, N. Y.,
Moct, Bell M., Mrs. G. Rasback,		Ganastota, N. Y.,
Nellis, Joseph D.,		Died Apr. 14, 1833
Nellis, David N.,		Died Mar. 14, 1834
Nellis, Sarah E.,		Died July 18, 1836
Nellis, Mary C., Mrs. H. Anderson		Elmore, Ohio,
Nellis, George L.,		Elmore, Ohio,
Nellis, Cyrus J.,		Elmore, Ohio,
Nellis, Albert E.,		Died Aug. 30, 1896
Nellis, Mary M., Mrs. A. E. Froem		Chicago, Ill.,
Richmond, Mary, Mrs. C. H. Stroup		Little Falls, N.Y.,
Richmond, Georgia, Mrs. A. Maynard		Utica, N. Y.,
Warner, Cassius,		Died Aug. 14, 1844
Warner, Eugene,		Unionville, Ohio,
Warner, Josephine, Mrs. W. Cleveland		Died Feb. 26, 1870
Warner, Arthur,		Unionville, Ohio,
Warner, Isadore,		Died Jan. 21, 1862
Warner, Majorie, Mrs. Roat,		Geneva, Ohio,
Warner, Georgia, 1st,		Died Jan. 25, 1849
Warner, Randolph 1st,		Died Jan. 11, 1849
Warner, Georgia 2, Mrs. C. Willard,		Died Feb. 16, 1877
Warner, Randolph 2nd,		Columbus, Ohio.

A F A M I L Y H I S T O R Y

THE PALATINATE.

The German Palatinate is situated in South Western Germany, with the Rhine for its eastern boundary and Alsace and Lorraine embracing it on the west and south. Its principal towns are Speyer, Zweibrucken and Landau. The War of the "Spanish Succession" aided by the Triple Alliance of England, Holland and Germany against France in 1702, occasioned the invasion of Germany by French troops through the Palatinate to the Rhine beyond.

The victories of Oudenarde, Ramillies and Blenheim drove the French from the Danube across the Rhine, through the Palatinate into Alsace and Lorraine. But the often tramping of soldier feet, both French and the combined allies, became very wearisome to the Palatines, who concluded that their location gave them altogether too much prominence on the checkerboard of European royalty, for while those who were "dressed in purple and fine linen" might be enjoying the game, these were having the life blood trampled out.

THE PALATINES.

Not seeing any immediate, or even remote, prospect of being rid of their burden caused by war, a large number of the Palatines in 1709, who were staunch Lutherans, through their pastor, Joshua Kocherthal, of Zweibrucken, petitioned Queen Annie, of England, through the British Board of Trade, to assist them in their troubles and to provide for their transportation to America. They prayed her Royal Highness to be located in the province of New York.

Queen Annie, needing the service of faithful ones to provide materials for the building of her naval vessels, concluded it would be a good plan to grant their request and locate them in the province of New York on the Mohawk River and Schoharie Creek, where plenty of pine trees would furnish work for them in making pitch and tar, as well as preparing timbers for the ships that were to be built. The Palatines were assured of proper transportation and safe location in the portion of the province designated. Queen Annie commissioned Col. Robert Hunter as Governor of New York and instructed him to provide for the Palatines according to the promises made them.

THEY EMIGRATE.

Under Governor Hunter's supervision, ten ships were loaded with 3,000 Palatines at Leith from which port they set sail early in the year 1710, and seven of these arrived safely in New York Bay, at the island now known as Governor's Island, on June 13th of same year. Many of the Palatines died during their rough passage. The number of those buried at sea was 470.

NELLIS BROTHERS.

Among the Palatines then landed in New York were three brothers, William, Christian and Johannes Nellis, all members of the Lutheran Church; who, being the first of the name to land in America, deserve to be followed in their wanderings until happily settled.

THEY LOCATE.

Governor Hunter, instead of immediately locating the Palatines on the Mohawk and Schoharie Rivers, according to the contract made with them, purchased 6,000 acres of woodland from Robert Livingston on the Hudson River within the present limits of Columbia and Dutchess Counties. The price paid was £400 New York currency, equal to \$1,000. U. S. money. On these lands he temporarily located these people and contracted with Livingston, in the name of the Queen, to furnish food, clothing and other necessities, to the new comers while they labored for the English Queen. But Livingston, like contractors the world over usually do, "looked out" more closely for "No. 1" than for the welfare or comfort of the Palatines, who consequently fared but slimly. A part were located on the east side of the Hudson at a place then called East Camp, and another part on the west side of the river, which place was then, and ever since, called West Camp.

DISCONTENTED.

After enduring their hardships for a little more than one year, our Germans concluded they would look out for themselves, as they were either wholly neglected or else oppressed, by the representatives of the English government. A large number of them, including the Nellis brothers, started out late in the summer of 1712 and hewed a road through the forests over the Catskill Mountains to the Schoharie River.

They had no horses or other animals to assist them in their journey. Each man was loaded with whatever implements of toil or housekeeping they were fortunate enough to possess. Every man's frau was similarly loaded. On reaching the top of a beautiful mountain on their journey, they stopped to look and enjoy the prospect up and down the mighty Hudson River. The mountain and prospect were so pleasing to them that they called it Helleberg, or the Shining Mountain, a name which has since been corrupted to "Helderburg".

SCHOHARIE SETTLEMENT.

These Palatines reached the Schoharie River late in the autumn, and, of course, at once commenced to build themselves log houses for homes. Their principal and almost only means of subsistence was the bountiful supply of game with such nuts as they were able to find. One man was fortunate enough to be able to purchase a peck of wheat at Schenectady, which he carried on his back forty miles to Schoharie the fall of his arrival, and with the help of others he hoed it in the ground between the stumps of trees they had recently cut down. They had no plows and this was their only means of cultivation. In the spring the plants came up finely but so far apart they were able to hoe them like Indian corn, which caused them to grow all the more rank. At harvest time every ear was gathered and from one peck of seed was procured eighty pecks of grain, enough to supply a good many of the people with seed the following year.

SETTLERS TROUBLED.

After a few years at Schoharie Settlement, the Palatines found new difficulties in the fact that they could obtain title to but very little of the land they had settled upon. Many of them again took up the line of march and journied southward into the Province of Pennsylvania. Among them was Johannes Nellis, from whom sprung the Nellises now found in Western Pennsylvania. This branch of the Nellis family is not treated of further in this record.

PALATINE.

Christian and William Nellis, with others, left the Schoharie Settlement in 1720 and pushed on up the Mohawk River until they reached the site of the present Palatine Church in Montgomery County, New York, where they located and built themselves homes again.

CHRISTIAN NELLIS.

Christian Nellis and 26 other Palatines, on the 19th day of October, 1723, procured a patent for 12,000 acres of land lying mostly in the present township of Palatine and known as the "Stone Arabia Patent".

NELLIS AND KLOCK PATENT.

William Nellis and George Klock, another of the Palatines, later procured a patent for a smaller tract of land lying in the vicinity of the present village of St. Johnsville, and the hamlet of Palatine Church. This tract was then known as the Nellis and Klock Patent. William Nellis's wife was a sister of George Klock, and they were the parents of five sons, whose names were Andrew, Ludwig (Louis), Henry, Johannes (John) and William, Jr.

William Nellis spent his life clearing a farm in his chosen locality, and making it yield a living for himself and family. How he prospered, when he died, or his age at death is now unknown. He was one of the principal ones interested in the building of the first Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia in 1744, on the site of the present church-edifice.

STONE ARABIA CHURCH.

In 1729 the Palatines, who settled Stone Arabia, perfected arrangements for the building of a church at that place. Part of them were Lutherans and part Calvinists. They united in the building of a log church and occupied it alternately until 1744. Christian and William Nellis and 10 others represented the Lutherans in this transaction.

CHRISTIAN NELLIS.

Christian Nellis, the father of David Nellis, was one of the three original Nellis brothers that came over with the Palatines in 1710. He was born on the River Rhine in Germany. The date of his birth is not known. As described in previous chapter, he followed the fortunes of the Palatines until their settlement at Schoharie, and later in 1720, advancing up the Mohawk to the present township of Palatine. Here he with others procured a patent for a large tract of land on which he settled as described on page 15. The records show that Christian Nellis had seven sons, David, Christian, Jr., Robert, Adam, George, Henry and Theobold. Christian Nellis took an active part during the war of the Revolution. He was one of the Palatine Committee of Safety and a Minute Man in Colonel Klock's regiment. This family was one of the wealthiest and best families in the Palatine District. After the war Christian Nellis went to Timmerman's Mill where his horses took fright, ran away and he was killed. He left a good memory, but, like all good men of that day, he was very sectarian, being a Lutheran, and it is said that his sons Henry and George acknowledged their faith in that creed to possess lands, which their father would not give them as disciples of Calvin. (See Fronteersmen of New York). Christian Nellis with his two sons, Henry and David, helped to build the Palatine Stone Church.

DAVID NELLIS.

David Nellis, son of Christian Nellis and father of John D. Nellis, grandfather of J. I. D. Nellis, great grandfather of Reuben Nellis, and great, great grandfather of A. W. Nellis, H. C. Nellis and John R. Nellis, was born December 25th, 1729, and died at the age of 89 years and 4 days. He was a Weaver and a Farmer; he had one son, John D. Nellis, and three or four daughters. He was small of stature, and wore short breeches and knee buckles as was the custom of the time

He helped to build the original Palatine Stone Church, which is yet standing about one mile west of Palatine, and near St. Johnsburg, New York. It is the oldest Protestant Church in America, west of a line drawn through Albany and Washington. A record of the time giving the names and sums paid by each, is as follows; to wit:-

Peter Waggoner,	paid	£100.
Andrew Reber,	"	100.
William Nellis, Jr.,	"	60.
Andrew Nellis,	"	60.
Johannes Nellis,	"	60.
Johannes Hess,	"	60.
Henry Nellis,	"	60.
Christian Nellis,	"	60.
David Nellis,	"	60.

And William Nellis, the father of William, Jr., Andrew, Johannes and Henry Nellis, paid for the making of the spire, etc., to the steeple of the church, and Hendrick W. Nellis gave the plot of ground on which it was built. The William and Christian Nellis that helped build this church, were the two brothers that came over with the Palatines in 1710. They were a long lived race in those days. The old Stone Church in Palatine was not destroyed by Johnson's army during the raid October 19th, 1780, when few buildings escaped burning. About 1889 a visitor from Canada named Nellis came to visit relatives of that name near St. Johnsville. From him it was learned that General Johnson promised a party by the name of Henry Nellis before he left Canada that he would not burn the Stone Church at Palatine. It appears that this Canada Nellis had helped build the church and used his influence to have it spared. This Henry Nellis moved to Canada in 1779 and his descendants are the Canadian Nellis we now hear of. The Palatine Church was remodeled in 1860 and is yet standing.. The inscription over the door of the church reads as follows; viz:

"Built in the year of Christ 1770, The 12th August".

The interior of this church having been remodeled, its gallery removed, its front door closed and two doors opened at the easterly end, June 18th, 1868, it was rededicated.

On Thursday, August 18th, 1870, the centenary anniversary of its dedication, a celebration took place to commemorate its one hundredth birthday. There were fully 5,000 people present and addresses were made by Rev. C. A. Smith, Hon. Horatio Seymour, and others. A part of Mr. Smith's remarks were historical and exceedingly interesting. After speaking of the coming hither of the ancestry of its early German worshippers, of a hundred years ago, he observed: "Some of you remember the old steeple, tall, graceful, and well proportioned; as an object of beauty it was far in advance of the one that has succeeded it. The weather cock that was perched on the very pinnacle, always breasted the storm, and looked bravely in the face of every wind". "You remember the pulpit as it was modeled 100 years ago, and where it stood before the entrance door, and the old queer pews with their high, straight backs, that made sleeping in church very inconvenient. The pulpit, you remember, was

shaped like a goblet, stem and all, and it had a sounding board overhead which was intended to arrest the preacher's words, and fling them back upon the ears of the worshipers. The pulpit was slate colored and the pews were a dress of Spanish brown. That was the prevailing taste 100 years ago, for the dwellings had the same tints, Spanish brown outside and slate color within. Some of you remember the triangle that hung in the old steeple, but that now has been replaced by a sweet toned bell. The pulpit has given place to one of more modern construction". Near the close of his address, he said "If the number in the church should increase so as to require a larger edifice, he would be willing to see the church destroyed and a new one built."

Upon the theme of destruction, Gov. Seymour spoke as follows: "If the requirements of this community ever demand a larger place of worship, build a-new and upon some other spct. For the sake of your fathers, whose memories and deeds we cherish; for the sake of yourselves and posterity, I beg of you not to tear down the old landmark. Let it stand as a monument to the love of God and the religious liberty of

its builders". Six cheers were proposed and heartily given at the close of his address. (See Fronteersmen of New York, by J. R. Simins, Vol. I, page 281).

This Palatine Church, as the record shows, was built almost entirely by Christian and William Hellis and their sons.

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JOHN D. NELLIS.

FROM A PAINTING.
MADE IN 1825.

BORN 1755. DIED 1849.

JOHN D. NELLIS.

John D. Nellis, father of J. I. D. Nellis, grandfather of Reuben Nellis, and great-grandfather of A. W. Nellis, H. C. Nellis and John R. Nellis, was born December 10th, 1755. John D. Nellis married a widow Keller, whose husband was killed in the Revolutionary War. Her maiden name was Garlock. She had two sons by her first husband, Mr. Keller, and one daughter who died in infancy. The oldest son was Jacob Keller, who married and had a large family. The law in those days gave all the property to the oldest son, so Jacob inherited all the property of his father. Henry Keller, the younger son, was given a farm by his step-father, John D. Nellis. John D. Nellis and Mrs. Mary Keller had six children, viz.

	Married.	Died.
John I.D.Nellis,		
Born 1783. Feb. 24, Elizabeth Klock.		Dec. 3, 1848
David Nellis.		
Born 1785. July 3,		Young
Nancy Nellis,		
Born 1787. Feb. 11, Daniel Ferguson,		No Record.
Barnhart Nellis,		
Born 1790. Feb. 1, Catharine Keller,		Aug. 10, 1847
Maria Nellis,		
Born 1792. June 14, Joseph Bruce.		No Record.
David Nellis,		
Born 1795. March 4,		In infancy.

John D. Nellis had brown hair, was good size, well proportioned, fine looking man, with round face and fine features.

John D. Nellis was a "Minute Man" during the Revolutionary War, farming his land when not in service. He belonged to the Palatine Regiment commanded by Colonel Klock. The "New York State Archives", The Revolution, Vol. I, Page 438, gives the names of 31 Nellis soldiers that served during the years 1776 to 1783. August 6th, 1777 his regiment was in the battle of Oriskany. Christian and Philip Nellis, his cousins, were in the same battle. Philip Nellis was wounded in the shoulder, it made him a cripple for life. In this battle General Herkimer was mortally wounded and many of his officers and brave Palatiners were killed. As an instance of the fatality to many of the Palatiners in this battle might be mentioned the fact, that seven by the name of Snell were killed; nine of this name participated in the fight, two only lived to return to Palatine. The most of the fighting was against the Indians who would watch till some soldier shot, and then the Indian would run up and shoot him. General

Herkimer, when he discovered how the Indians were doing, ordered two fellows behind each tree, and this soon made them stop this game.

The names of John D. Nellis, Philip Nellis and Christian Nellis, are inscribed on the Oriskany Monument, which has been erected to commemorate the battle.

This Regiment of Colonel Klock, to which John D. Nellis belonged, was in active service from Feb. 18th to Aug. 18th, 1779, and from March 10th to September 1st, 1780. They were also Minute Men and called into service on different alarms to oppose the common enemy between October 1780 and May 1783. (Page 542, Annals of the Revolution). This Regiment was with Gates Army at the Battle of Saratoga, but had been detached and were 20 miles away when the battle commenced. They hurried forward but the battle was over before they could reach the ground.

I will state here, that William Nellis, who was one of the original Nellises that came over with the Palatines (See page 11) was one of 40 Palatines that volunteered in 1711 for an expedition

against Canada, which at that time belonged to the French. This statement taken from Documentary History of New York, Vol. III, page 571. All of this goes to show that the Nellis family were not lacking in courage or patriotism. The records only show one individual, Henry Nellis, who sympathized with the Tories. (See page 19). This Henry Nellis went to Canada during the War of the Revolution. He was instrumental in saving the Palatine Stone Church at the time of the raid of the British and Indians under Johnson and Joe Brandt through the Mohawk, Oct. 19th, 1780. Henry Nellis had requested that they spare the church as he helped build it, and his house and the church were the only buildings left standing, except the "Fort Nellis", to which the people fled on the approach of the Indians. Fort Nellis stood a mile west of Palatine Church toward St. Johnsville. (See Fronteersmen of New York, Vol. II, page 451) After 1780 the Palatine settlement was not again troubled by invasion and John D. Nellis married, as before stated. He inherited most of his father's property being the only son. About the year 1810 he removed to Clockville, N. Y., and

became engaged in farming and milling on a small scale, which mills were later enlarged and owned by his son, J. I. D. Nellis. William Fassett of Ashtabula, Ohio, now 81 years old, relates that he remembers John D. Nellis, who about the year 1845, was on a visit to Ashtabula, to see his son J.I.D. and grand-children, who at that time were mostly living there. Fassett states that one evening, he with several others, was at the home of J.I.D. and that he (Fassett) had a fiddle on which he was playing, that John D. Nellis, then about 90 years old, got up and tried to dance, and that the sight of his father at that age trying to be a boy again, affected J. I. D. so that he cried.

John D. Nellis died March 14th, 1849,
aged 94 years.

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J. I. D. NELLIS.

JOHN I. D. NELLIS.

John I. D. Nellis, father of Reuben Nellis and grandfather of A. W. Nellis, H. C. Nellis and J. F. Nellis, was born Feb. 24, 1783. He married Elizabeth Klock July 14th, 1805, and had eleven children viz:

	Born.	Died.
David Nellis,	1806 May 5,	1872 Oct. 6,
Reuben Nellis,	1808 Mch. 30,	1856 June 24,
Barnhart Nellis,	1810 Aug. 14,	1877 Mch. 21,
Elizabeth Nellis	1812 Sep. 26,	1890 Mch. 31,
Nancy Nellis,	1815 Feb. 22,	1865 Mch. 13,
Catharine Nellis	1817 Oct. 1,	1863 Aug. 14,
John Nellis,	1820 Mch. 21,	1828 June 7,
Mary Nellis,	1822 Feb. 13,	1859 Jan. 5,
Susan Nellis,	1824 May 2,	1826 Sept. 24,
George Nellis,	1826 Jan. 24,	
Peter Nellis,	1828 Sept. 29,	1855 Feb. 24.

The children were all born at Clockville, which is two miles south of the present town of Canastota on the line of the New York Central Railroad. John I. D. Nellis, being the oldest son, inherited most of his father's property, but before the death of his father, became owner of the farm and mills before spoken of. J. I. D. Nellis prospered and be-

came quite wealthy for those times. He had a Grist Mill, Saw Mill, Plaster Mill and Carding Mill. About 1840 he sold out his property in Clockville and removed with his family, which were not then married, or dead, to Ashtabula, Ohio. David, the oldest son, had married and settled in Harbor Creek, Pennsylvania; Reuben, the second son, came to Ohio in 1839, and it was through his influence principally that J. I. D. was induced to move and settle at Ashtabula.

Elizabeth had married Daniel Moot in 1831.

Catharine " married Parly Richmond" 1832.

John died at age of 8 years in 1829.

Susan died at age of 2 years in 1826.

This left Barnhart, Nancy, Mary, George, and Peter, who came with J. I. D. to Ashtabula. A further history of all the children of J.I.D. Nellis will be given on succeeding pages. J.I.D. Nellis at this time was about 57 years old. Having a competency he did not engage in any active business but became noted throughout all that section as a speculator and money lender. Among other transac-

tions he went to Maumee County and purchased a large tract of land at \$2.50 per acre. This land is near the present town of Elmore, Ohio, it in time became very valuable. It was divided up between the sons but David Nellis moved on to the land and finally became possessor of the greater part. Some of the children of David Nellis are now occupying part of this land.

Another of his enterprises was the purchase of the "Steam Boat Cleveland". This boat was one of the first steam boats that ever ran on the lake. It made regular trips between Buffalo and Cleveland, stopping at Erie, Conneaut, Ashtabula, and Painesville. Captain Shephard, of Ashtabula, was captain and had a small interest in the boat. Reuben Nellis was clerk, George Nellis acted as steward and Peter Nellis as engineer, so it came very near being a Nellis family boat. This was before the days of railroads about 1850, and was at the time considered a great achievement. People came in from a long distance on the days the boat was expected and looked at it with more wonder than they would on a flying machine at the present day.

J.I.D. Nellis was viewed with great awe and pointed out as "That is the man that owns the Steam Boat".

The writer (A. E. Nellis) remembers when he was 11 years old, of taking a trip with his father and mother from Ashtabula to Cleveland and back on this boat. The boat was run at a good profit for a number of years and then sold to Captain Ward of Detroit who ran it on his line till the demand came for larger boats, when he had it changed over into a sailing vessel.

J. I. D. Nellis was one of the original abolitionists and was associated with Joshua R. Giddings, B. F. Wade, and others, in promoting the cause of freedom. It was known that Mr. Nellis had a hiding place where he secreted the fugitive slaves till such time as they could be forwarded with safety on their way to Canada. The slave owners of Kentucky finally got an order from Court, and had a number of Ashtabula County citizens arrested by a United States marshall for violating the Fugitive Slave Law. Mr. Nellis, Dr. Henry Harris, James Hall were some of those arrested. They all gave bail and then fought the case in the courts, till

the Southerners got tired of it and dropped the suit. Salmon F. Chase volunteered his services to defend these parties in case they needed him, but he was not called on.

Such in brief are a few of the facts in regard to the life and doings of Grandfather Nellis.

It can be readily seen from the foregoing that he was a wide awake, good business man, and that his reputation as being smart and reliable was well deserved. He was about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, and weighed about 160, a straight, well formed man. He died at Ashtabula, December 3, 1849, aged 66 years.

Grandmother Elizabeth Klock Nellis died September 28th, 1875. (see page 149)



REUBIN NELLIS.

COPY FROM A DAGUERREOTYPE TAKEN IN 1853.

REUBEN NELLIS

Second Son of J. I. D. Nellis.

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Name.	Born	Married.
Reuben Nellis	1803 Mar. 30;	1840 Jan. 1.

Died 1856 June 24.

Sally Almira Nellis, 1813 May 3; 1840 Jan. 1.
Died - 1903 Jan. 16:

Children.

Alfred Warner Nellis	1841 Nov. 2; <i>Died - 1903 Feb. 6:</i>	1867 Nov. 13.
Homer Cook Nellis	1844 Aug. 17;	1866 Nov. 7.
John Reuben Nellis	1847 Sep. 15;	1870 Sep. 14.

Died 1871 Nov. 11.

(See future pages for life of A.W., H.C. & J.R.Nellis)

Our father, Reuben Nellis, was born at Clockville, N. Y., March 30th, 1808. German was the language used until he left home, and as schooling at that time was not considered necessary, he was kept at work on his father's farm, or attending one of his various mills, till he became of age; then he hired out to his father for two or three years and saved up his wages until he had enough to

buy himself a horse and wagon, which he fitted up to carry the old fashioned wooden clocks. He secured a stock of clocks and started out with them. At that time clocks were a great rarity and he had no trouble to find customers that wanted them, the principal trouble was to find customers that could raise the money to buy one, as clocks brought from twenty five to fifty dollars each, and money was scarce. This was before the day of railroads, and the clocks had to be transported from Connecticut by teams.

Business prospered with him, however, and by hard work and good management he gradually accumulated more capital, and extended his base of operations westward. He would have the clocks delivered to some central point and from there he would take and dispose of them. In this way he worked through Western New York, a part of Canada, and as far west in Ohio as Ashtabula. While in Canada he visited and made his headquarters with the descendants of the Henry Nellis that moved there from Palatine in 1781. While in Canada he also became acquainted with the Fassett family, whom he later

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on induced to move to Ashtabula, and one member of which family (Henry Fassett) married a sister (Mary Nellis) as described on page . Also one member of the Fassett family (Marietta Fassett) married George Hall, and they are the parents of Mary Louise Hall-Nellis. Thus it transpired that father's trip to Canada in 1834, furnished me with the dearest of helpers in 1867. During the winter of 1835 and 1836, father attended a select school kept by Mr. James Baker, at Lenox, Madison Co., N. Y. He considered the school his vacation from hard work of traveling. A warm friendship sprang up between Mr. Baker and himself, and for many years they visited each other and kept up a correspondence. Father embraced every opportunity to educate himself and soon was able to hold his own on any ground. Constant travel for 3 years and contact with many different classes of people, would tend to sharpen a man's wits, and the fact that all this time he succeeded and made money would show that he must have had his wits about him. Besides German, he learned during his travels, to speak English and French. French was used in Canada to a large extent, and

when he worked into Western New York and Ohio, English was used.

As showing father's ability as a composition writer and the tendency of his thought, at the close of this article will be inserted a composition which he wrote and read before Mr. Baker's school Dec. 1836. The original manuscript is still preserved. During two or three of the last years he was in the clock business, he fitted out teams and hired men to travel and sell for him. His brother Barnhart Nellis, worked for him and came through to Ashtabula in his employ. Up to this time father had been traveling, and being now 31 years of age, and having acquired quite a good start, he evidently thought it time to settle down and have a home of his own. This idea soon became a fixed fact. During some of his trips to Unionville, Lake County, Ohio, he met our mother (Sally Almira Warner) and soon decided that the world contained no other girl for him.

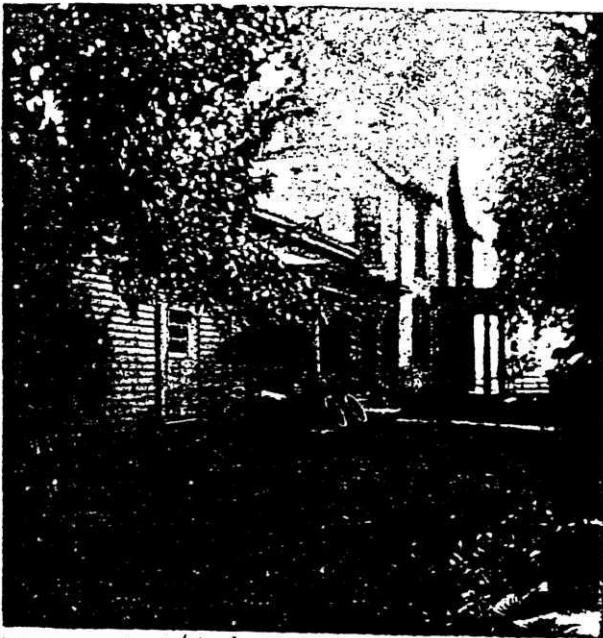
Business must have been good up that way for he managed to be at the Warner home quite often. It was not long before there was a mutual attach-

ment formed and they were engaged to be married. See "Warner" family, page 165 In April 1838, father purchased of Amasa Castle, a farm situated about 1 mile east of Ashtabula on the south ridge road. There was a log house but this was torn down and a brick house built. It was not very large but a good comfortable house, and it is standing today as built in 1838. January 1st, 1840, father and mother were married at Unionville, and for a wedding trip they drove to their new house, which was all furnished ready to commence house-keeping. Father worked this farm for six years, but became discouraged with it, as the Ashtabula River which ran through it had a habit of overflowing its banks, and carrying off fence and destroying crops, so he sold the farm to a Mr. Landon, and it yet remains in the possession of the Landon family, a grandson of the original purchasers now occupying it.

Father then moved to Unionville where he rented a farm which he worked for two years. The following summer he accepted a position as Clerk on the Steam-boat Cleveland, which belonged to his father, as recorded in a previous chapter. After sail-

ing one season and finding it impossible to overcome a tendency to sea-sickness, he decided to abandon a life on the rolling deep.

J. I. D. Nellis died Dec. 3rd, 1849, and by his will appointed father executor of his estate, which amounted to about Fifty Thousand Dollars. Father qualified as executor and settled the estate in a very short time, to the satisfaction of all. About this time he was in active speculation in real estate. He bought and sold several farms, and bought parcels of land which he allotted to good advantage. In looking over his papers, I found fifteen different deeds of real estate, made to him between the dates of 1848 and 1856. Father always took an interest in military matters. He studied military tactics and was promoted from a private till he became colonel of a regiment of militia. This was about the time of the Mexican War. The Military spirit ran high; there were frequent meetings for drill practice and Colonel Nellis on his milk white horse was a familiar figure. He would have volunteered and gone to the war, were it not for the entreaties of mother. Again in 1849, at the time



Residence built by Reuben Nellis in 1839
Ashtabula Ohio
Hrs AW Nellis and HC Nellis were born



Was built by Reuben Nellis in 1849
Lake and Prospect Sts. Ashtabula Ohio



Residence of Gec Hall Rear Steps
Ralph H Nellis



Lot and Monument Nellis Family
Chestnut Grove Cemetery Ashtabula Ohio

of the gold excitement in California, he desired to go there with a number that went from that section but was prevailed on not to go. His love for wife and children was paramount.

In December 1848, he purchased from the Crane estate, five acres of land situated on the corner of Lake and Prospect Sts., Ashtabula, Ohio. For this land he paid \$500.00, and at once moved his family to a house on the opposite corner and commenced the erection of a fine residence on his new purchase.

Father worked very hard this winter, drawing stone and timber, and we think laid the foundation for the lung trouble which later caused his death. This house at the time, 1849, was considered the finest dwelling in Ashtabula. It was occupied by our family until 1866, when the place was sold to Labin Sherman for \$10,000. Mr. Sherman, soon after removed the old house a short distance north of its former site, and erected a new and more modern style of house, which he still occupies. The fruit and shade trees on and about the place were all set out by father, and came into bearing before

the place was sold. There were seven different kinds of fine cherries, eight varieties of apples, besides most all kinds of small fruits. One year after the completion of his house, father was induced by Reverend Pomeroy to undertake the sale of the Howe Sewing Machine Patent in the State of Illinois. This was the first sewing machine invented, and father knew from his experience as a salesman that the right could easily be disposed of. He started by boat for Chicago. It was in the fall and he had a very rough passage. He was most constantly sea-sick, and during one of his severe retchings, he felt something break in his lungs, and he immediately raised clear blood to the amount of nearly a pint. He returned home as soon as possible and did everything in his power to recover his health. He went to New York City to consult a Dr. Fitch, who at that time was professing to cure lung trouble by inhalation of vapor produced by steeping his medicine. On this trip he was accompanied by Henry Fassett, of Ashtabula, who relates that, it being winter, for better protection, father wore an over-coat made from a buffalo robe, and that the hackmen

and others in New York were afraid of him, thinking he was a bad man from the West. The first summer after his attack, he went to Marquette, Lake Superior for his health, as it was reported that the fine air and balsam fir of that section would be beneficial. On this trip he took along his brother, George Nellis. The second winter he took all his family and went to St. Johnsville, N. Y. so as to have a steadier climate than that of the lake shore. It was at this time that the writer first saw the old Palatine Church, built by the Nellis family in 1770, as described on page 18. The second summer, he, with mother, drove a large fine horse and covered carriage from Ashtabula to Madison, Wisconsin, and back. They were gone three months and met with many adventures, as at that time some of the country traversed was comparatively new. The children were left in the care of Uncle David Nellis, who then lived in part of the house of Grandmother Nellis. As Uncle and Aunt were away at Elmore most of the time, we did not get much care to speak of.

That winter father spent at home. There is no doubt but what his strong will and constant

fight for life prolonged his days. Too much cannot be said in praise of the patience, constant care, and loving kindness of mother, exhibited through all these three years of father's sickness. For months at a time he was confined to his bed and almost helpless and she, from choice, was his constant nurse, enduring it all, and caring for him till the end.

Father had no bad habits of any kind. He never swore, or drank intoxicating liquors, nor used tobacco in any form. He paid his debts, was never arrested or sued in his life. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

Father died peacefully June 24th, 1856, surrounded by his family and friends.

He was buried on the family lot in Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

Composition

- written by Reuben Nellis, while attending -
- the School of James Baker -
- during the winter of 1836 -

The Charms and Advantages of Winter.

There is no season that has not some charms peculiar to itself. We admire the summer months on account of their balmy breezes, their decorating the hills and vallies with verdure, and their causing the sweet scented and fragrant blossoms to unfold their beauties and perfume the air with ether, and call from their retreat the feathered songsters that warble such enchanting melody, and often as the lover of solitude retires to his evening or morning devotions in the grove, he stands spell bound and charmed and enraptured, while the woodlands are made vocal with their notes- but all the objects would cease to charm were we to have no variety. How little attention we pay in autumn to the foliage, with which our forests are clothed,

and which we but a few months previous gazed upon with much admiration. Our constitutions, our very natures require it. Then winter is certainly necessary to our enjoying the other seasons with a proper zest. But, winter is not destitute of charms, and however some may view it, it fulfills in every respect the design of the great Framer of the Universe. And in behalf of those who through ignorance or prejudice, are apt to complain or find fault with this season, I am going to describe some of those pleasures which it furnishes for our senses and for our hearts. Notwithstanding all nature is clothed in a hoary garment, it cheers the eye of the beholder. Even a single flake of snow considered with attention, affords wonders, how regular is the symmetry of its shape, and how infinite the numbers that fall from the air! See the forests and groves bend under the white curtains which cover them as with a veil to hide their want of leaves or to screen them from the rage of the northern tempests. Can the heart remain unmoved amid a scenery like this, which is by the Creator designed to charm and please the eye? He that

MURMURS against Providence on account of the winter
is really to be pitied, and I fear such will not
find charms in spring but will be as insensible as
at this season. However desolate all nature may
appear in the eyes of some, she is nevertheless a
masterpiece of Divine workmanship, and it is our
blindness alone which hides her beauties. There
are some rays of beauty and wisdom shining in every
part. We are not apt to follow nature in all her
parts, but we only admire and are attentive to such
things as strike the senses most forcibly and flat-
ter our passions most. In this respect many resemble
the brutes, that see the sun, moon, stars and all
the celestial bodies performing their offices; they
see the vegetation springing from the earth, the
rain and snow descending, but they do not look away
with grateful hearts to Him who is the bestower of
all these blessings. Our souls would be filled with
gratitude and warmth toward the creator were we
rightly and attentively to consider the works of
God in this season of the year. Then the air might
be in commotion, the heavens become tempestuous and
all nature stripped and dispoiled of her sweetness

but our souls might taste true pleasure in considering the wisdom and goodness of the author. Such meditations will soften our passions and elevate our souls above the spheres of little minds, and at all times and in all seasons, the heart will be grateful, contented and happy.

Reuben Nellis.

Lenox, Dec. 28th, 1836.

CHESTNUT GROVE CEMETERY LOT.

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The lot in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, where father was buried, is one selected by himself, and on which he placed a small monument. On the death of J. I. D. Nellis, father sold the south west corner of the lot, for the burial place of his father and mother, and on which they were buried. On this corner of the lot, Peter Nellis was also buried. At time of the death of Barnhart Nellis and his wife, Henry Fassett, as executor of the estate, bought the privilege of burying them on the northwest corner of the lot. As compensation for the right of burial, Mr. Fassett joined with Mrs. S. A. Nellis and A. W. Nellis, in the erection of a new monument, on which was inscribed the names of all those then interred on the lot.

There are no rights or ownership for further burials on this lot by any one, except those held by Mrs. S. A. Nellis and A. W. Nellis.

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SALLEY ALMIRA WARNER-NELLIS.

OUR MOTHER.

Sally Almira Warner-Nellis.

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Our mother, Sally Almira Warner, oldest daughter of Nathan Warner, Jr., was born at Unionville, O., May 3rd, 1815. Her father at that time lived in a log house and mother was years old before the frame house was built. There were no carriages in Unionville in those days and she attended school and church and did her calling on horse-back. Indians were quite numerous and often a source of much anxiety as they would loiter about, beg and steal if nothing worse. Bears were also plentiful and mother relates that "Once on a time when she was going through the woods to visit a "Sugar Camp" where her brothers were making maple sugar, she suddenly found herself close to a bear, which was drinking sap from a "Slab trough". Which was the most frightened, I have never been able to find out. At any rate they both escaped. When about 20 years old, mother was considered quite a "belle". She was good size, good looking and fond of good clothes, and not afraid to wear them. A good old Methodist minister felt called on at one time to state in his sermon, that he feared there were two members of his congregation that were setting a bad example by their gay attire. He had reference to mother and a Miss "ixer, who had come out with new bonnets and long green veils. I think if that minister were living today and should attend some Easter service, he would think the example had spread. This style,

however, appeared to suit our father for within a year from first acquaintance, Sally Almira Warner and Reuben Nellis were married at Unionville, January 1st, 1840. (See life of Reuben Nellis page 43 to 58.)

Mother was named as executrix in father's will. She managed the estate so that it increased in value. She reared her three sons from the ages of 9, 12 and 15 until they became of age, so that they always loved, honored and obeyed her. She was often asked how she managed to keep such good control over her boys. I think the secret was in her always evident anxiety for their comfort and welfare. After the sale of the residence on Prospect Street, Ashtabula, O., mother moved to Painesville, Ohio, where she purchased a place on Erie Street, near her sister, Mrs. Emeline Axtell. Here she lived till when she took rooms at the Stockwell House, where she remained till 1879.

H. C. Nellis, who was in the First National Bank of Painesville during this time, removing to Piqua, O., in 1878, mother one year later also moved to Piqua, and is now living with Brother Homer.

Mother is now 83 years old and in full possession of all her faculties; has never had a fit of sickness with exception of a fall some three years since, which confined her to her bed about two months.

At this writing she is with us in Cleveland on a visit.



ALFRED WARNER NELLIS.



MARY LOUISE HALL - NELLIS.

ALFRED W. NELLIS.

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Alfre W. Nellis, the complier of these sketches, is the oldest son of Reuben Nellis and Sally Almira Warner-Nellis. I was born November 2nd, 1841, on a farm one mile east cf Ashtabula, O. At birth my weight was 3 1/2 pounds, and it is stated that for several months, the only way I could be handled with safety was on a pillow. At three years old, I have my first remembrance of any event, and that was being run away with by a team of horses which father had left for a moment unhitched. A guina hen flew on the fence in front of the horses, and gave one of its peculiar squawks and off the horses went. They ran about a mile when they were stopped by Deacon McDonald. There was a high dash board to the wagon, and I stood up to that and called "Ho, Ho" for all I was worth. The Deacon heard me and jumped over a fence, seized a rail, and at great risk to himself managed to stop the team. It was very muddy and I was plastered over with mud. I can remember I was taken

into a log house and had to wait till some water could heat in an iron kettle over an open fire, before they could wash me off enough to take home.

When I was about 7 years old, father moved to Unionville, Ohio, and my next experience was trying to learn to chew tobacco. Father's hired man used the weed, I borrowed a chew from him, one trial was enough for me. I have never since used tobacco in any form. My next remembrance is of a trip on the Steam Boat Cleveland from Ashtabula to Cleveland and return, as described on page 88. Although quite seasick on this trip, it did not break up my desire to travel, as some subsequent events will show.

Father moved back to Ashtabula when I was ten years old, and I can remember many incidents connected with the building of the house, corner of Prospect and Lake Streets. One in particular was the finding- by the mason that laid the foundation- of a fine flint arrow head, which he gave to me. This arrow head was the starting point of my collection of minerals, shells, etc., which at the present time amount to over 300 varieties.

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At 12 years old I was left one summer in care of Uncle David Nellis, while father and mother took a carriage trip to Wisconsin. It was during this summer that I found out how hard it was to make money, in some cases. I used to get up at three o'clock and walk three or four miles and pick blackberries and sell them at three cents per quart. I also pared apples at five cents per bushel. I have made some money easier since then, but nothing that I ever took more pride in. Another well remembered and interesting event occurred about this time. My brothers, Homer and John, and myself, had our daguerreotype taken by Uncle George Nellis. A copy of this picture can be found on next page. Appearances seem to indicate that some of us considered it a serious matter. Father died when I was 15 years old, and from that time on I took hold and did my best to keep things in order, look after the two farms, and the seven acres of land on the home place. For about ten years these three places kept me busy. In time I considered myself quite an expert in farm matters. In those days crops seemed to yield better than at present. One peck of potatoes to the hill,

two good crops of clover, cut from the same field each season, was no uncommon yield. Corn, wheat, oats, sorghum, broom corn, with potatoes and other vegetables, were all raised at various times to good advantage. In trimming and transplanting trees and shrubs, I became expert. At one time over 150 young hemlocks were gathered from the woods and planted as a hedge, of the whole number only three died. My motto was that "Anything worth doing at all, was worth doing well."

Being kept so busy my school days were very irregular, it often being the case that only two or three months attendance was made during any one year; however, by the time I was 21 years old, I had passed through all the different grades and graduated at the Ashtabula High School. During the winter of 1865, Edgar Hall, Fred Fassett, William Haskell and myself, attended Eastman's Commercial School at Rochester, N. Y. We all had a pleasant and profitable time. In the spring before returning home, I visited at Clockville, Little Falls and St. Johnsville, where father had taken me once before, as stated on page 53.



NELLIS BROTHERS.

ALFRED, 12 - JOHN, 6 - HOMER, 9
YEARS OF AGE.

COPY FROM A DAGUERREOTYPE TAKEN BY
UNCLE GEORGE NELLIS IN 1853.

It must not be understood that during my early years there was no time for recreation. Skating on the River to the Lake, sliding down Harmon Hill, trapping the nocturnal rabbitt, and sleigh riding, all received proper attention in the winter. In the summer there were hunting and fishing parties, picnics, boat rides, church sociables, at all of which I seemed to be in good demand.

In those days game was quite plentiful, and to preserve some of the fine specimens that fell into my hands, I learned the taxidermist's art. My collection soon numbered over 100 varieties of birds and animals. They filled two cases which were made for the purpose. Soon after a new and larger case was built and the specimens were transferred to same. Not having room for some of the larger birds, they were disposed of, the remainder having kept in good condition to this date, which is now over 30 years.

I cast my first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and have always voted the Republican ticket. During the War of the Rebellion, I joined the militia and soon became Corporal. The Ashtabula Company, with

others, went into camp here at Cleveland, on a vacant lot on the west side of Willson Avenue, where Kennard Street now runs. At the time Kirby Smith's army came up through Kentucky and threatened Cincinnati. Volunteers were called for by Governor Tod to go down there and defend the city. I was the first one to volunteer from Ashtabula County. We soon raised a company of about 80 and, after being rigged out with old fashioned muskets, shot-guns, cotton knap-sacks and tin cups, we set forth. As good luck would have it, our Company was placed on a steam boat to patrol the river; thus, we were able to keep dry, had enough to eat, such as it was, and as no rebels showed up, we had on the whole quite an easy time of it. In about two weeks, the danger having passed, we were sent home. These volunteers were called "Squirrel Hunters". Governor Tod, who was then governor of Ohio, sent the volunteers a certificate saying that "Cincinnati was menaced by the enemies of our Union; David Tod, Governor of Ohio, called on the "Minute Men" of the State and the "Squirrel Hunters" came by the thousands to the rescue. You, Alfred W. Wellis, were one of them



Earl, Grace and Clara Fassett
Mrs A W Nellis



Mrs A W Nellis Mrs Silas Fassett
Miss Carrie Dart



Former Residence of A.W.Nellis
Ashtabula Ohio



View looking North from Fassett Hill
A.W.Nellis

and this is your honorable discharge. September
1862. David Tod, Governor.

In 1865 mother, as executrix, sold the
home place corner Prospect and Lake Street, to
Labin Sherman, Esq. She reserved the house just
west with about one acre of land. This house had
been built by father shortly before his death for
renting purposes. It was built to accommodate two
families, but we remodeled same and occupied it un-
til my removal to Cleveland in 1868. Mother re-
mained here until about 1870, when she sold the
place to John Collins, whose widow still occupies it.
In 1865, I went into the Painesville National Bank
as book-keeper- I was there only a short time when
I was called home to consummate the sale to Mr.
Sherman, and help mother move and remodel her new
home. After this was completed, I engaged to H. H.
Hall, as clerk in his grocery and shoe store, and
remained with him till my removal to Cleveland in
1868.

About 1865 I first became acquainted with
Mary Louise Hall, and from the first meeting there
seemed to be a mutual desire to see each other as

often as possible. In less than a year we became engaged, with an agreement on my part to wait awhile till Louise became a "little older".

In 1866, George Hall moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, and then "true love" had a hard time of it till November 13th, 1867 we were married at Cleveland, Ohio, by Rev. Dr. Woolcott. This step I have never in my life regretted and have reason to believe that Louise is equally well contented. For our wedding trip, we went to Rutland, Vt. where we visited Silas Chapman and wife, and daughter, Dorcas Chapman. Mrs. Chapman was an aunt of Mrs. Hall. We also visited my uncle, Daniel Moot and family, at Clockville, N. Y.

On our return we lived at Ashtabula till April 1869, when we came to Cleveland to live with George Hall, and have remained with him ever since. For the first two years we lived in the Bond Block on Euclid Avenue, the next year in George W. Howe's house on Erie Street, then for a year in the second house east of St. Paul's Church on Euclid Avenue, then we moved into Mr. Hall's new house just completed, at 864 Euclid, where we have resided for



RALPH NELLIS. FLORA NELLIS.

TAKEN IN 1889.

the last 21 years. Here Ralph Hall Nellis was born June 3rd, 1875, and three years later, July 23rd, 1878, Flora Nellis was born, both good, strong, healthy, eight pounds at birth.

In April 1869, I went into Mr. Hall's Pancake Store, 60 Public Square, as collector and assistant book-keeper, and about 1875, Mr. Hall, having given up active management, I had general supervision of the business. Soon after I first entered the store, Mr. Hall had as salesmen, besides himself, W. J. Wilson, J. F. Isham, H. P. Hart, A. H. Slack, I. D. Colvin, and also had local agents at Toledo, Pittsburgh, Sandusky, Norwalk, Ashtabula, Painesville, Hudson and various other places. He employed two tuners, Botsford and Rhodes, John Brunton as polisher and three men as porters and drivers. He was a great advertiser, having a regular six inch space in all the Cleveland papers of that day. As I was depended on to see that all attended to business and did their duty, as well as to settle with agents, keep books, and attend the cash drawer, it kept me busy for many years. Of the above, Wilson, Slack and Colvin are dead. The rest are scattered.

I am the only one remaining of the original force. Mr. Hall, having discontinued advertising and gradually curtailed the business, the present help consists of W. P. Francis and myself as salesmen and collectors, W. M. Corner, Cashier and Care of Mortgages, Mr. Gill, Tuner, and A. J. Johnson, General Utility man.

For a record, and to show that not all of my life has been given to work without some recreation (which is very essential to good work) I will here give a condensed account of some of the trips taken and places visited at various times.

1st. Ashtabula to St. Johnsville, N. Y., Little Falls, etc., the winter father went east for his health.

2nd. Ashtabula to Rochester, N. Y., Little Falls and St. Johnsville, the winter I attended Eastman's Commercial School.

3rd. Took a sailing vessel at Erie, Pa., commanded by Captain Charles Pratt, and went to Chicago and back to St. Mary's, Canada, from there to Niagara Falls and home. This was in the year 1860.

4th. In 1861, Edgar Hall, of Ashtabula, and

myself, took a sail vessel at Cleveland for Marquette, Mich., where we staid about one month, visiting the iron mines, hunting, fishing, etc. Big storm on the way back. The Captain called on us to help take in sail. Hall said the boat did not belong to him, and it could sink if it wanted to, he was not going out to get wet. This was just before the war and the gold which I took with me for expenses and did not use, was kept till the premium on same more than covered the expense of the trip.

5th. Cincinnati and down the river, during the war, "Squirrel Hunters", as heretofore stated.

6th. In 1865 went to Monroe City, Mo., and visited Alfred Warner, Esq., (My Mother's Uncle) after whom I was named. Mr. Warner was a slave owner but a Union man during the war. He had many narrow escapes. His son, Alfred Warner, Jr., now resides on the home farm (340 acres). He has visited here several times recently.

7th. Our wedding trip to Rutland, Vt., etc., as before described.

8th. In 1868 I went with brother Homer C. Nellis to Lawrence, Kansas on a prospecting tour. We

went via. Cincinnati and St. Louis, where we took a river steam boat for Kansas City. The river was low, the boat was slow and, after standing it three days, we took the cars, went to Kansas City, Lawrence and back to Kansas City on our way home, where we saw our boat just arrived.

9th. In 1872 Mrs. Nellis and myself to New York City, Greenport, L. I., Saratoga, etc.

10th. Mrs. Nellis and myself to New York, Boston, Rutland, Vt., Saratoga, calling at Canastota, N. Y.

11th. Mrs. Nellis and myself, New York and Green port, L. I., in 1874. In 1875 I went to New York and Saratoga with Mr. Hall.

12th. In 1876, I went to the Centennial at Philadelphia, made my first visit to Asbury Park, N. J., then to New York and home. Mrs. Nellis did not accompany me on this trip.

13th. In 1877, Mrs. Nellis and myself, with my mother, visited New York, Newport and Boston, calling at Clockville, N. Y.

14th. In the spring of 1878, we went to New Orleans, La., and to Bay St. Louis on the Gulf where we staid several weeks, then to Mobile and Montgom-

ery, stopping about one week at each place. Ralph went with us on this trip.

15th. In the summer of 1879, with H. C. Nellis, and wife, we went to New York, New London, Conn., Greenport, L. I., and Asbury Park, N. J. Ralph and Flora were left in care of a nurse at Painesville.

16th. In the spring of 1880, I went south with Mr. Hall, visited Jacksonville, Winter Park, etc., and on my return stopping at Savannah, Charleston and Washington.

17th. We went to Chicago in the spring of 1881 and returned by the way of Piqua, Ohio.

18th. In the summer of 1882, I went alone to Clayton, N. Y. and down the St. Lawrence to Montreal and from there to Portland, Me., then down the coast to Old Orchard Beach and Boston, thence to New York via Fall River and the Sound Steamer, and home via New York Central, stopping at Canastota, N. Y.

19th. In 1883 we went to Philadelphia, then to Asbury Park, N. J., and from there to New York City, Saratoga, Lake George, etc.

20th. In spring of 1884, I went as far south as Atlanta, Ga., with Mr. Hall, who was at that time

sick and fearful to start alone. Mr. Hall continued on south and I returned home.

21st. In the summer of 1884, we went via. steamer boat to Machinac Island, St. Mary's, etc., Ralph and Flora accompanied us on this trip.

22nd. In June 1886, Mrs. Nellis, Flora and myself, went to Washington, D. C., thence down the sound by boat to Old Point Comfort, then by rail to Philadelphia, New York and home.

23rd. In August 1886, we all went by boat to Machinac Island, Petoskey, etc. Gone about one month.

24th. In 1887, we again all went to Machinac and Petoskey by boat and returned home by rail, via. Piqua, Ohio.

25th. In the spring of 1888, I accompanied Mr. Hall to Winter Park, Rock Ledge, and other points in Florida. Gone six weeks.

26th. In the fall of 1888, Mrs. Nellis and myself went to the Cincinnati Exposition, and returned via. Piqua. Later in the fall we went to New York City, etc.

27th. In 1889 went to Piqua, Ohio, in the

spring. Went to Lakewood, N. Y. with the family in summer and in the fall, Mrs. Nellis and myself went to New York City and returned via. Pittsburgh and Piqua.

28th. In 1890, we went to Piqua in the spring; went to Lakeside, Ohio, in July for a week; in the fall we went to New York City and Niagara Falls.

29th. In the spring of 1891, I accompanied Mr. Hall south, via. Nashville, Montgomery, and Thomasville, to Jacksonville, Fla., Here Mr. Hall was taken down with La Grippe and for nearly two months was unable to return. He was very sick and as I was alone with him and took most of the care of him, I had anything but a pleasant trip.

30th. In summer of 1891, we went to Pique and Toledo and later to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York City.

31st. During 1892, we went to Port Huron for a week, and in the fall to New York City. Flora with us at Port Huron.

32nd. In 1893, we visited at Piqua in spring. Mr. Hall and Flora along. The last of June and first of July we were at the World's Fair at Chicago

and returned via. Piqua and Toledo. In the fall we went to New York City.. This summer we all spent one month at Lakewood, N. Y., occupying Mr. Hall's cottage and taking our meals at the Sterlingworth.

33. In 1894, visited Piqua once in the spring. All went to Lakewood, N. Y. and staid two months in cottage, boarding at the Sterlingworth.

34th. In 1895, all went to Lakewood and occupied Mr. Hall's cottage two months. While family were there, I took a trip to Sarinac Lake, in the Adrion-dacks, where I met H. C. Nellis and family. From there I went to Plattsburgh and down to Saratoga and returned to Lakewood.

35th. In June 1896, with Mr. Hall, we went to Washington, D. C., thence to New York City, calling at Lakewood, N. Y. on our return. In July, Flora and myself visited Piqua and Toledo, returning via. boat to Put-in-Bay and home. In September, Mrs. Nellis, Flora, Mr. Hall and myself, went to Lakewood for a week, thence to New York City for ten days, returning by sane route.

For the benefit of my children, and any others who may in the future scan these pages, I will give a few of the rules and actions, which I have endeavoured to live up to, and which certainly will be a benefit to any one to follow:-

"Keep the Ten Commandments.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Touch not, taste not, handle not, intoxicating drinks.

Never use tobacco in any form.

Never fool in business matters.

Ask thy purse what thou shouldst spend.

Always use your own brains, rather than those of others.

He that saves when he is young, may spend when he is old.

He that does not rise early, never does a good days work.

Don't borrow trouble, you will have enough of your own.

Don't worry about what you cannot help; don't worry about what you can help.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead.

Good security saves sleepless nights.

Better be contented with smaller profits
than to run risk of loss for sake of
larger gain."

To my children, Ralph and Flora, I have endeavored to set a good example; have given them such recreation, education, and advice as I think was for their best interest, and so far I am happy to state that I know of nothing to regret, and trust that in the future, as in the past, they may do nothing of which to be ashamed.

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5 feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in tall

dark blue eyes

Died Feb 5-1903 after trouble



RALPH H. NELLIS.

RALPH HALL NELLIS.

Ralph Hall Nellis, only son of A. W. Nellis and Mary Louise Nellis, was born at 864 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, June 3, 1875.

Weight at birth, 9 lbs; at 6 months old 21 lbs. He could walk alone at 11 months old. Has always been self reliant, seldom calling on any one for assistance where it will be possible for him to accomplish the task himself.

At two years old he was taken to Saratoga, Newport and New York City. During the whole trip he never cried or made any trouble, every one remarked on his being a good traveler and seeming to understand and enjoy the trip. In the spring of 1876 when not yet three years old, he was taken to New Orleans, La., some incidents of which trip he remembers. In 1881, he went to New York and Asbury Park, N. J. At five years old he could read and do some easy sums in figures. He commenced attending Miss Freeman's private school at 6 years old; graduated at Central High School in 1895, took one term at Spencerian Business College in 1894. In 1886

he took two terms of music lessons on the piano, and in that time he learned to play and read music; can play a guitar and has become quite a good singer, without any instructions, whatever.

In 1885, he went to St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, and Petoskey, Mich; again in 1886 he made the same trip. He attended the Second Presbyterian Sunday School for several years, and in 1888 he became a member of the church, and has taken an active part in Sunday School and Church work ever since. On the invitation of Rev. Dr. Pomeroy, Ralph went with the Doctor and his family in 1891 to Muskoka Lake, Canada, for the summer. Rev. Pomeroy owned an island in this lake, and fearful that Ralph might get drowned, he was told that he must learn to swim before he could go. He went to the Y. M. C. A. bathing pool and the second day could dive in and swim as well as most any one. Ralph joined the Y. M. C. Association and soon became a leader in athletic sports. He at one time had over fifty young men under his instruction. While attending High School, he, one fall, played on the foot ball team, and that season the High School team won every

match game they played. In 1893, he attended the Chicago Exposition. He has passed several summers in Lakewood, N. Y. He is always in good demand, for his ability, strength and agility as a dancer.

He went into the Wade Park Bank in January, 1896, to learn the banking business, and is now employed there as book-keeper.

Ralph has no bad habits. He uses no profane language. He keeps the Sabbath. He does not drink, smoke or chew. If for the balance of his life, he can show as clear a record it will be much honor to himself and pleasure to his friends.

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FLORA NELLIS.

FLORA M. NELLIS.

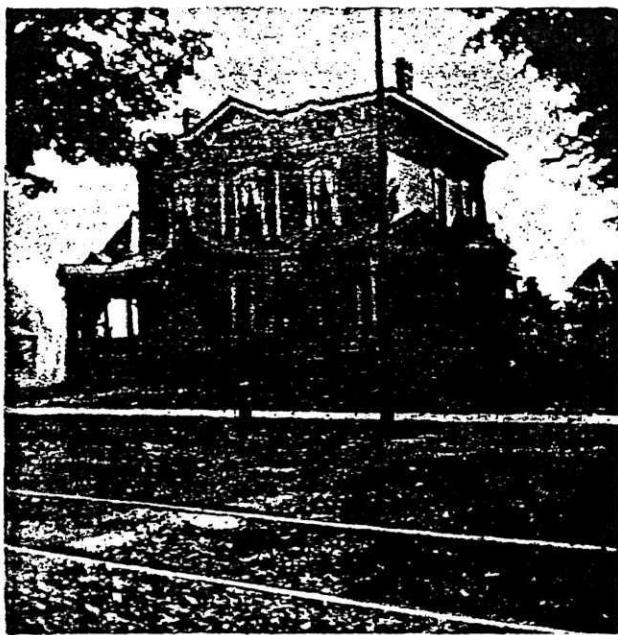
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Flora May Nellis, only daughter of A. W. Nellis and Mary Louise Hall Nellis, was born at 864 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, July 23, 1878.

Her weight at birth, 8 1/2 lbs. at six months old, weight 20 lbs; could walk alone at 11 months old. Is now five feet, 3 inches high, weight 116 pounds., has light hair, blue eyes, good form and features. At four years old she could read and spell. Attended the public school during the years 1889 and 1890. Commenced a course at Miss Mittelberger's private school for girls in 1891, and has not completed course as yet. She has made a number of trips to various points, going up the lakes to Petoskey in 1885, to Washington and Old Point Comfort, Va., in spring of 1886, and to St. Ignace and Mackinac Island in summer of 1886. In 1892 she went to New York City and again to New York in 1893. Went to Chicago Exposition in 1893. Has spent several summers at Lakewood, N. Y. Flora is a good dancer, entertaining and self possessed. She is much sought after, and never, in any company, has to play the part of "Wall Flower". She is a good correspondent, writing many, and long letters to her friends. She is kind and obedient to her parents, and very thoughtful of the wishes and rights of others.

Flora has been a constant attendant of the Second Presbyterian Church Sunday School since 1885.

List of members - b-3d of Feb



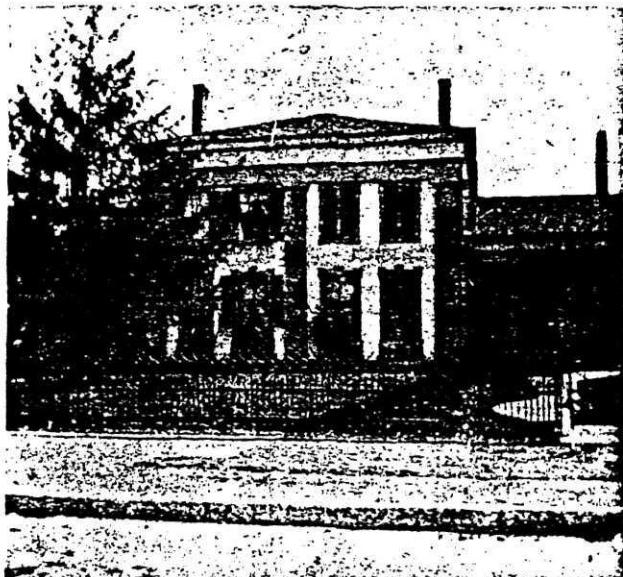
Former Residence of H.C. Nellis.
Painesville Ohio



Former Residence of Geo Hall
Ashtabula Ohio



Residence of Mrs Silas Passett
Ashtabula Ohio
South East View



Residence of Henry Passett Esq
Ashtabula Ohio



HOMER COOK NELLIS.



LIBBIE GRAY - NELLIS.

HOMER COOK NELLIS.

Homer Cook Nellis, second son of Reuben Nellis, was born August 17, 1844, on a farm one mile east of Ashtabula, Ohio. The name "Cook" was given him in honor of his mother's grandfather, Elisha Cook. Homer attended the public schools at Ashtabula, and graduated at 16. He then took a course in the Cleveland Commercial College, boarding on Perry St. with Mrs. Farnes, who was a cousin of his mother's. At that time (1860) Perry St. seemed to be almost out of the city. He became a good penman and acquired a thorough knowledge of book-keeping, which acquisition he was soon able to put into practical use.

In 1861, at the age of 17, he accepted a position as clerk and book-keeper in the Bank of Geauga, at Painesville, O. He was soon promoted to position of Teller and a few years later was elected Cashier, the bank in the meantime having been reorganized, as the First National Bank of Painesville, Ohio. He retained his position as Cashier until 1878 when he resigned and removed to Piqua,

Ohio. During all these years that he remained in the bank, he retained the respect and confidence of the Directors and Patrons of the bank. During the War of the Rebellion, he obtained consent of the Directors of the Bank to enlist in Company "E" of 171 Regiment Ohio National Guards. This Regiment was mustered into the U. S. Army. They were sent into Kentucky at the time of Morgan's Raid. In the battle of Cynthiana, many of this Regiment were killed and taken prisoners. After Morgan was captured, the Company "E", to which H. C. Nellis, belonged, was detailed to guard prisoners, at Johnson's Island. As it was in the winter and the barracks were poorly built, it was anything but a *April 27th 1901 a pension was granted to H C Nellis of \$6.2 per month* warm job. After his discharge, he returned to his position in the bank. During his residence in Painesville, he built five fine residences. The first one built was on the east side of the river, on a tract of about fifteen acres of land, which he and John R. Nellis purchased, and on which they built in common. This house took fire in the night from some unknown cause. The family was awakened by the barking of a large Newfoundland dog.

The family barely had time to escape before the house was enveloped in flames. The loss was heavy, as there was only a partial insurance carried. He then built a brick house on Erie Street, which he occupied several years. Being quite a trader and speculator, he was always ready to accommodate any one that wanted a place that he had fixed up, provided they wanted it enough more than he did to pay the price asked. The last house built in Painesville was on the corner of Mentor Avenue and Wood Street. It was a fine residence, and is today one of the most desirable residences in Painesville. On his removal to Piqua this place was sold to W. F. Smith, who still occupies same. Nov. 7th, 1882, H. C. Nellis married Libbie G. Gray, a daughter of H. C. Gray, of Painesville. Mr. Gray was at that time proprietor and editor of the Painesville Telegraph and in connection with this he had a book-store. was also for a time editor of the Cleveland Leader.

The children of H. C. Nellis and Libbie Gray Nellis, are Grace Gray Nellis, born July 6th

1873, in Painesville, Ohio. Grace died Dec. 30th, 1878, and was buried in the Painesville Cemetery. John Gray Nellis was born Sept. 13th, 1833, in Piqua, Ohio.

After his resignation as Cashier of bank in 1873, H. C. Nellis removed to Piqua, O., where he purchased an interest and became a partner of F. Gray Co., in the Piqua Woolen Mills. This business was soon enlarged and a stock company formed under the name of The F. Gray Co., of which he was one of the incorporators and was elected Vice President, which office he held for several years. This Company manufacture felts, which are used by Paper Mills; also horse blankets and a fine quality of woolen bed blankets for house use. In 1891, The F. Gray Company purchased and consolidated with the Akron Felt Company and the Acme Woolen Felt Company of Albany, N. Y., and at this time they have one of the best equipped mills in the country. They employ on an average of about 175 hands. F. Gray is President, W. C. Gray, Treas., H. C. Nellis, Sec'y of the Company and the three have full management of its affairs.



GRACIE NELLIS.

H. C. Nellis was one of the founders and a director of the Piqua Handle Mfg. Co. He induced the Hosiery Co. to remove from Canastota, N. Y. to Piqua, and was one of the incorporators of what is now called The Piqua Hosiery Co. He was one of the original incorporators and a director in The 3rd Building and Loan Association of Piqua. He is Vice President of the Piqua Milling Company. He is a brother-in-law of W. C. Gray, with whom he purchased several tracts of land and allotted same and which is called the Nellis and Gray addition to the City of Piqua. On this land they built 36 houses, which places have mostly been disposed of. H. C. Nellis was elected President of the first Board of Trade ever organized in Piqua, and he yet retains that office. He has been instrumental in inducing several large manufacturing establishments to locate at Piqua, and is always interested in all public enterprises. He has always been very fond of cut door sports and usually takes his recreations in the mountains or on the sea shore. With rod or gun he is an expert.

The present residence of H. C. Nellis

is on the corner of Ash and Caliwell Sts., Piqua, Ohio. This place was purchased by him in 1880. It is a large fine brick house, with high ceilings and built on a liberal plan. Several alterations have been made on the interior and it now has a fine stairway, a parlor 20 X 33 and a dining room 20 X 33, a number of fine paintings adorns its walls. It has natural gas, electric lights, etc., and is an up to date house in all modern improvements. H. C. Nellis became a member and active supporter of the Episcopal Church soon after he was married. He has held various offices in connection with the Church work. He has been Vestryman since 1873. The present family of H. C. Nellis consists of himself, his wife, Libbie G. Nellis, his son, John Gray Nellis, and our Mother, Sally Almira Nellis, who has made it her home with Homer since 1890.

Homer is 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches high. He has dark hair and dark blue eyes.



RESIDENCE OF H. C. NELLIS, PIQUA, OHIO.



JOHN GRAY NELLIS.

JOHN GRAY NELLIS.

John Gray Nellis, son of H. C. Nellis, was born at Piqua, Ohio, Sept. 13th, 1883. At 10 years of age, he attended a private school for one year. He then commenced attendance at public school and is now in the grammar department, and stands at the head of his classes. Is quick to learn and always anxious to learn the bottom facts. He is quite a good musician, can draw and paint some. He has a printing press and has edited and printed a small paper called the "Young American". He takes kodack views, develops and prints same. He is a good bicyclist and horse back rider. He has a pony of his own, which he rides and drives at pleasure. He has a fine cabinet containing relics, curios, and about 100 varieties of bird eggs.

He has been on several trips to New York City. Has spent two summers in the Adirondacks, and one winter at Asheville, North Carolina. He went to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. He is now 13 years old, 5 feet, 1 inch high, has dark hair and eyes.

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Died 12/21/1944



JOHN R. NELLIS.

JOHN REUBEN NELLIS.

John Reuben Nellis, third son of Reuben Nellis, was born at Unionville, Ohio, September 15, 1847. He was always a very healthy, robust child, and became a large size, good looking man. He was only nine years old when father died, but under mother's care he grew up to manhood, without a single bad habit, and never caused any of us any extra worry or anxiety. He had a kind disposition and made friends with all who knew him. He attended the public school at Ashtabula till 19 years of age and then went to Oberlin College one year. When he was 21 years old, he went into the Painesville National Bank, as book-keeper, his brother, H. C. Nellis, being at that time teller of same bank. John R. Nellis remained in this bank about two years. He boarded with his brother and together they built a fine residence on 8 acres of land which they purchased on the east side of the river. This house was burned down, for an account of which see page 110.

September 11, 1870 John married Kate Gray, a sister of his brother's wife and daughter of H.C. Gray, of Painesville. In 1869, John accepted a position as teller in S. Pratt's Bank, at Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Here he remained till September 1871 when he went with Mr. Wm. Upham on a prospecting tour to Fort Scott, Kansas. They went out with the expectation of starting a cattle ranch. This was just after the great Chicago fire and John stopped over one day to view the ruins. There he took a severe cold which by the time he reached Fort Scott developed into diphtheria. Not having proper care and we think from an overdose of morphine administered by his nurse,

John died November 11th, 1871. He was interred at Painesville, Ohio. He left no children.

His widow married W. C. Gray, of Piqua, Ohio, She died January 11th, 1895.

W.C. Gray married Mrs Emma L Blanck of Chicago Dec 7th 1897

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UNCLE DAVID NELLIS.

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David Nellis, oldest son of J. I. D. Nellis, was born May 5th, 1806. He married Caroline Steadman for his first wife, Sept. 22nd, 1830. She died March 20th, 1842, and he married a widow, Mrs. Eliza Dolph, July 23rd, 1850. Mrs. Dolph Nellis died June 13th, 1873, leaving no children by David Nellis. The children of David Nellis and Caroline Steadman, were

NAMES	Married	Died
DAVID NELLIS,		
born 1806 May 5, 'Sep. 22, 1830.	Oct. 6, 1872	
CAROLINE STEADMAN,		
born 1802 Oct. 22, Sep. 22, 1830	Mch. 20, 1846	

CHILDREN.

Joseph David Nellis	^{BORN} 1832 Mch. 30,	Died 1833 Apr. 14,
John David Nellis	1834 Mch. 8,	Died 1834 Mch. 24
Sarah Elizabeth Nellis	1835 " 30,	Died 1836 Jul. 18
Mary Caroline Nellis	1837 Sep. 26, Married	1874 Jun. 23
George Lafayette Nellis	1840, Mch. 1,	Never Married.
Cyrus Thomas Nellis,	1846, May 15,	About 1875.

Joseph, John and Sarah all died in infancy. Mary married Henry Anderson June 23rd, 1874, and has one son, born May 10th, 1875, named Geo. H. Anderson.

Cyrus married a Miss Ingraham about 1875, and they had three children, one of which died in infancy. One child, Dow, was born March 20th, 1878, Bede was born Sept. 16th, 1881.

Mrs. Cyrus Nellis died several years since.

Cyrus Nellis was always a peculiar acting boy, and he has been a source of anxiety to his friends. He has never shown any disposition to injure any one, but it has been found necessary at various times to send him to the Cleveland and Toledo Asylums.^{Cyrus Nellis died August 17th 1902} George Nellis was a very smart scholar when young and was taking a course of study at Oberlin College, but his mind gave way and he too was sent to the Cleveland Asylum for a short time. He had to give up school and has never gone into any active business, but has worked some and left him by his father. George never married. It is supposed that the trouble with the boys was inherited

from their mother, Caroline Steadman.

Uncle David Nellis lived at Harbor Creek, Pa. till about 1853, when he moved his family to Ashtabula, where they remained for two or three years. He then moved to Elmore, Ohio, and settled on the tract of land his father had purchased sometime previous. David by inheritance and purchase acquired the greater part of this tract of land. At the time of his death the land was worth about \$50.00 an acre, and at the present time about \$100. per acre.

David died October 6th, 1872.

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Mary Caroline Nellis, married to A Anderson
June 23^d 1874 - Mr Anderson died Dec 25^E 1899

UNCLE BARNHART NELLIS.

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Barnhart Nellis, 3rd son of J. I. D. Nellis.

Name.	Married.	Died.
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Barnhart Nellis,

Born 1810 Aug. 14, 1840 May 19. 1877 Mch. 21.

Clarissa E. Eastman,

Born 1817 Aug. 13, 1840 May 19, 1877 Mch. 25.

Children.

Albert Eastman Nellis,

Born 1842 May 2, Date not Known. 1896 Aug. 30.

Albert Eastman Nellis married Sarah Roof about the year 1865. No children.

Albert died at Sandusky, Ohio, Aug. 30th, 1896, and was buried at Franklin, Ohio, his death occurring since this sketch was first written.

Barnhart Nellis was for many years a familiar figure in Ashtabula. He came to Ashtabula about 1837, and in 1840 he married Miss Eastman of Kingsville who at that time was considered one of

the handsomest girls in the County. Barnhart never engaged in any active business, but farmed in a small way and speculated some in real estate. After the death of his father in 1849, he moved into part of the old homestead and remained there till his death. He always had great faith in the Lake Shore Railroad and subscribed stock to help build the road. He would borrow money to buy stock, and, as the railroad often gave the stock holders an extra dividend, and an increase of stock he would double his money. He kept at this, till, with the money he inherited from his father and mother, he was worth some Sixty Thousand Dollars, which amount he gave to Oberlin College a short time before his death, on condition that the College should pay him, his wife, and his son, a certain stipend each year during their lives. As Uncle and Aunt died soon after, it left the College with only the son to pay. A. E. Nellis, not being satisfied with this arrangement, commenced suit against the College. The matter was settled by the College paying him a lump sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars. This amount A. E. Nellis lost

in the course of two or three years. It is generally conceded that it would have been much better for A. E. Nellis had he accepted the provision his father made for him. Barnhart Nellis was a member of, and helped build the Congregational Church at Ashtabula. His death, as well as that of his wife, was from pneumonia contracted while attending the funeral of her sister. Uncle and Aunt died within four days of each other, and were buried in the same grave, on the family lot in Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

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AUNT ELIZABETH NELLIS-MOOT.

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Elizabeth Nellis, oldest daughter of J. I. D. Nellis, was born at Clockville, N. Y. Sept. 26, 1812. She married Daniel Bloom Moot, January 18th, 1831. Mr. Moot was a farmer. He owned a fine farm about one mile west of Clockville, where he lived, raised his family, and died August 3rd, 1891.

He was an honest, upright, hard working man, and accumulated quite property. He was liberal with his children, giving the sons each a farm and the daughters money and stock to an equal amount. This division was made many years previous to his death, and at a time when it would do the most good, along as the children got married and wanted a home of their own. Aunt "Eliza" was a kind motherly woman, liked by every one. Her greatest ambition was the comfort and welfare of her husband and children. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She died March 31st, 1890, aged 78.

The children of Daniel Bloom Moot, and
Elizabeth Nellis-Moot, are

Daniel Bloom Moot, Jr., born Nov. 16, 1833

Malancthon Nellis Moot, born Mar. 23, 1836

Libbie Nancy Moot, born Dec. 6, 1839

Theodore Garner Moot, born July 10, 1842

Bell Mary Moot, born Dec. 10, 1849

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Daniel Bloom Moot, Jr., married Jennett Anstead, Oct. 13th, 1858. They for several years lived on a farm adjoining his father's. They moved from there to Oneida, N. Y. No children.
Daniel Bloom Moot Jr. Died at Oneida N.Y. June 1900

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Malancthon Nellis Moot married Nellie Hill, Sept. 25, 1860. Nellie was born November 21st, 1843. They have one daughter, Wildred Moot, born June 24th, 1865. Malancthon is a prosperous farmer. He has a fine farm and farm house, commanding an extensive view. They travel considerable, visiting New York and the West. *Melancthon Died May 24¹⁸⁹⁹*
Wildred Moot married James Lawrence Wagner November 23¹⁸⁹⁸
They were married at the residence of H.C. Miller, Piqua, Ohio

Libbie Nancy Moot married Charles Spencer
(Born June 10¹⁸³⁹)
 Hutchinson, Sept. 4th, 1865. Mr. Hutchinson was

for a number of years in the dry goods business at Canastota, N. Y. He then went to Syracuse and acted as General Agent for the Davis Sewing Machine. Since 1891, he has been agent for a New York Investment Company. They are a model couple. It will do you good to know them. They had one child "Freddy" *Charles Frederick*
(Born July 13rd 1869 - Died Feb 23rd 1870)
waist ¹ aico in infaroy. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

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Theodore Garner Moot married Emma Bull, September 6th, 1871. No children. They have a farm of several hundred acres, fine buildings, raise grain and stock, and have a large creamery. Theodore says he owns all the land but what joins his.

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Fell Mary Moot married Clarence Rasback, Sept. 13th, 1871. They have one daughter, Maud Rasback, born March 3rd, 1875. They are all members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rasback is Cashier of Canastota National Bank.

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CATHARINE NELLIS- RICHMOND.

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Aunt Catharine Nellis, third daughter of J. I. D. Nellis, was born Oct. 1st, 1817.

She married Parley Richmond, May 30, 1838. She died at Little Falls, N. Y., Aug. 14th, 1863.

Parley Richmond was born Nov. 9th, 1814. He died July 25th, 1890.

Their children were

Mary Richmond, born Nov. 14th, 1846.

Georgia Richmond born Nov. 4th, 1853.

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Mary Richmond married Charles H. Stroup, May 20th, 1883. Their children are

Irving Stroup, born May 2nd, 1864, married Mary E. Stephenson, April 24th, 1889.

William H. Stroup, born March 24th, 1866, married Maggie Curtin Aug. 4th, 1884. All reside at Little Falls, N. Y.

Georgia Richmond married Alanson Maynard June 5th, 1872. They have one daughter, Lillian Maynard, born Feb. 10th, 1875. Mr. Maynard is

an Engineer and resides at Utica, N. Y.

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Parley Richmond was engaged in Paper Mill and Coal Business. He was a very genial man, and liked by every one.

Aunt Catharine was of a lively disposition, tall, light hair and blue eyes. I only remember of seeing her once.

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AUNT MARY NELLIS- FASSETT.

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Mary Nellis, fourth daughter of J. I. D.
Nellis.

Name.	MARRIED.	DIED.
MARY NELLIS,		
Born 1822 Feb. 13,	1842 Mar. 23rd.	1859 Jan. 5.
HENRY FASSETT,		
Born 1817 Sep. 14,	1842 Mar. 23rd.	<i>August 27th/1897</i>

CHILDREN.

HARRIET ELIZABETH FASSETT,		
Born 1843 Mar. 26,	1861 Dec. 23rd.	1862 Sept. 8.
GEORGE HENRY FASSETT,		
Born 1845 June 28,	1872 Mar. 6th.	<i>1872. June 21-1899</i>
JOHN NELLIS FASSETT,		
Born 1847 Nov. 26,		1870.
SAMUEL W. FASSETT,		
Born 1850 Jun. 17,		
HENRY FASSETT, Jr.,		
Born 1855 Sep. 20,	1875 March	

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Harriet E. Fassett married David Haskell in 1861, and died in 1862, leaving no children.

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George H. Fassett married Lillie M. Perry, March 6th, 1872, and has four children, Perry N., born Feb. 27th, 1873, Ida born Oct. 16th, 1874, died , Harriet E., born June 30, 1879;

George H. born Nov. 7th, 1881.

~~Geo H Fassett died June 21-1899. He dropped dead of heart trouble~~

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Henry Fassett, Jr., married Rose E. Phillips , and has 3 children, viz: John Glen, born Jan. 1st, 1876, Mary N. born Dec. 21st, 1881, Neal P., born Jan. 14th, 1890.

Samuel M. Fassett never married. John N. Fassett died in 1870. For an account of the life of Henry Fassett, husband of Mary Nellis, see page 217.

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AUNT NANCY NELLIS-WARNER.

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Nancy Nellis, second daughter of J. I. D. Nellis, was born Feb. 22nd, 1815, married Elbridge O. Warner, Jan. 5th, 1842, died at Unionville, O., March 13th, 1865.

Elbridge O. Warner died at Unionville, O., March 11th, 1834. E. O. Warner was a brother of our mother (Sally A. Warner). He was a farmer and stockraiser. See "Warner Family" page

The children of E. O. Warner and Nancy Nellis-Warner, were

Cassius Elbridge Warner, born Aug. 14, 1844

Died Jan. 27, 1852

Eugene Nellis Warner, born Jan. 10, 1847

Josephine Warner, born Aug. 7, 1849

Died Feb. 26, 1870.

Arthur Elbridge Warner, born Dec. 22, 1851

Isadore Warner born Jan. 2, 1855

Died Jan. 21, 1862.

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Eugene N. Warner married Kate A. Hutchins

April 17th, 1873, and they have seven children, viz:

Dorr Eugene Warner born Dec. 6, 1873

Otto Nellis Warner, born Dec. 21, 1874

Josephine Clara Warner born Sep. 26, 1877

George Elbridge Warner born June 21, 1880

Nettie Nancy Warner, born Aug. 26, 1881

Mary Emeline Warner, born Nov. 16, 1884

Elbridge Stephen Warner born Feb. 16, 1896

Otto Nellis Warner, married May Irene Lyons, August 6th 1900.
Josephine Clara Warner, married Harry L. Lyons, June 29th 1900.

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Cousins Eugene Nellis Warner and Arthur E. Warner are double cousins of A. W. Nellis and H. C. Nellis, their father and our mother being brother and sister, and their mother and our father being brother and sister.

Eugene N. Warner has a fine farm about one mile east of Unionville, Ohio, and is an extensive fruit and grape grower. He evidently does not intend to have the Warner family run out if he can help it. Long may he waive!

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Arthur E. Warner married Mary Rostetter, April 18th, 1885. They have one child, Isadore Nellis Warner, born July 4th, 1889. Arthur E. is

also a farmer and lives in Unionville.

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Josephine Warner married Wilbur Cleveland, Nov. 13th, 1868. They had one child, Alfred Cleveland, born Feb. 22, 1870. Josephine died Feb. 26, 1870. The son, Alfred, is now with his father in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Cassius and Isadore Warner, as the record shows, died young.

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Every one speaks of Aunt Nancy Warner as being a very handsome girl. She certainly was, as I remember her, a lovely woman.

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Elbridge O. Warner for his second wife married a widow, Mrs. Minerva Shears, and she lived but a short time. He again married Mrs. Marion E. Sheverill, and by the last wife had one daughter, Margea Olive Warner, born Sept. 25, 1875. This daughter married B. O. Rote, of Geneva, Ohio, Dec. 7, 1892, and is now living in Geneva, Ohio.

"Time makes Many Changes".

end of the world was near at hand, and could quote scripture by the hour to prove it. He now writes me that he belongs to the "Church of God".

October 15th, 1859, he married Louise Jane Fish, of Dayton, Ohio. They lived at Ashtabula for about one year, and then moved to Dayton where he went into a Woolen mill with Mr. Fish, his father-in-law. From there he moved to Chicago, Oct. 18th, 1872, and opened a Photograph Room near Jackson Park. He remained there till Aug. 1st, 1880, when he left his wife and daughter and secured a divorce Oct. 18th, 1880. The cause of separation has never been explained to me. George traveled from place to place for a number of years, and for the last ten years he has been living at Stroudsberg, Pa.

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George Nellie died May 8th 1902 at the residence of his daughter Minnie Nellie Froom, 730 LaSalle St Chicago

George Nellis made it his home with his mother, at Ashtabula. He was for several years engaged with his brother, Peter Nellis, in taking daguerreotypes. They had a large wagon fitted up, and in this they went from town to town and staid as long in each place as business would warrant. This was along at the time of the first discovery of the art of taking pictures by photography, and it required a long sitting to get a good negative. The picture of Reuben Nellis on page 41, and the one of Alfred, Homer and John Nellis, on page 73, are copies from daguerreotypes taken by George Nellis about 1853.

Uncle George was a great Bible student and became imbued with the doctrine of the Second Adventists. He bought a printing press and printed tracts, urging every one to prepare for the last day. Good advice at any rate, he was doing no damage to any one. One day, while he was hard at work with his press, a slight shock of earthquake happened along, he ran and told his mother that the last day had come. We all considered it a pretty good joke on him. He, however, held to his belief that the

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UNCLE GEORGE NELLIS.

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George Nellis, fifth son of J. I. D. Nellis

NAME	BORN	MARRIED.
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GEORGE NELLIS,	1826 June 24,	1859 October 16,
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LOUISE JANE FISH,	1840 July 10,	1859 October 16,
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CHILDREN.

MARY MINNIE NELLIS, 1861 Mar. 25,

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Mary Minnie Nellis married Dr. Albert E. Froom, May 24th, 1883. Dr. Froom was born Nov. 20th 1861, in Elvée, Ill. He graduated from the Chicago Medical College. (Regular)

They have five children:-

Albert Nellis Froom	Born 1884, Apr. 16,
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Marguerite Louise Froom,	Born 1885, Nov. 22,
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Helen Genevieve Froom,	Born 1888, May 7,
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Mary Katharine Froom,	Born 1889, Nov. 22,
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Edgar Albright Froom,	Born 1892, July 6.
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All living August 15th, 1896.

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UNCLE PETER NELLIS.

Peter Nellis, the sixth and youngest son of J. I. D. Nellis, was born at Clockville, N. Y. September 29th, 1828.

He came to Ohio with his father in 1840. He was a fine looking young man, tall and well proportioned, with a large head and pleasant features. He acted as Engineer on the Steam Boat Cleveland for several seasons. He traveled about the country with his brother George, taking dagurrootypes, as described in the life of George Nellis. In the winter of 1854, he was sent by his father to Elmore, Ohio, to help his brother David on the farm. There he from hard work and exposer contracted a cold, which developed into consumption. He died at Ashtabula, Feb. 24th, 1855. He was buried on the family lot in Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

Peter Nellis was the only one of the Nellis family, living to maturity, that never married.



ELIZABETH KLOCK - NELLIS.

ELIZABETH KLOCK-NELLIS.

The Klock Family.

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The family name of our grandmother (Mrs-J. F. D. Nellis) was Klock.

Klock is a German name and very uncommon. The Klocks at the present time are mostly found through the State of New York.

The first of the family, as far back as our record goes, is Henry Klock, who came over with the Palatines in 1710, and settled on the Mohawk near Palatine, on a farm which is still in possession of descendants of his family. He was born on the River Rhine in Germany. He had six sons, George, John, Jacob, Adam, Conrad and Joseph.

The information in regard to Henry Klock was written by his grand-son, George G. Klock and copied for my grandmother about 1852. Henry Klock died in 1760.

George Klock, son of Henry Klock, was born in the County of Fulton, New York State, on the

tract of land then in possession of his father. The date of his birth is not now known. At his father's death he came into possession of the home farm, and a large amount of property. He purchased lands of the Canajohara Indians to the amount of thousands of acres. In 1773, he owned land whose boundary was 11 miles on one side by 14 1/2 on the other, embracing the then entire township of Openheim and Ephrata and the southern part of the township of Stratford. George Klock died in 1790.

He had seven sons, of whom George G. Klock born Nov. 12th, 1742, was the oldest,- and, according to the custom of the times, George G. inherited most of the property. George G. Klock was a merchant and large farmer. He shipped several boat loads of Gin-sing to China. In traveling from his farm to New York he had to disguise himself to escape robbers who were watching for him, as it was known he carried a large amount of money. During the War of the Revolution, this George G. Klock was a Minute Man, and served in the Col. Jacob Klock regiment, along with John D. Nellis, Christian and Philip Nellis, as described on page 29.

Colonel Jacob Klock was a brother of Geo. G. Klock.

New York Archives, Annals of the Revolution, Vol. I, page 409, gives the names of 20 Klock soldiers that served in the Revolution. George G. Klock died July 26th, 1834. This George G. Klock was the father of Elizabeth Klock, who married my grandfather, J. I. D. Nellis. Her mother's name was Catharine Bellinger, born in July 1748, ^{married to} ~~Geo. Klock in 1766~~, and died July 26th, 1827.

Elizabeth Klock was the thirteenth of a family of sixteen children. Her sisters were Peggy, Sophia, Caty, Hannah, Caty 2nd, Polly, Caty 3rd, and Eva. Her brothers were Joseph, Jacob, George, John, Henry, David and Peter. Her parents lived together in a married state 60 years, and, in 1862, there were ten of her brothers and sisters living. Their grandchildren numbered at that time about 80, and great grandchildren 81.

GRANDMOTHER ELIZABETH KLOCK-NELLIS

was born September 23rd, 1786, and was married to grandfather Nellis July 14th, 1805. I remember her as a small size, rather bent over, pleasant faced old lady. She was always glad to see us boys, and kept a stock of nuts, pies, etc., on hand to treat us with. She was very fond of raising chickens and doves, and could hardly be induced to stay away from home over night, for fear her pets might not be taken care of.

Her children all loved her, and visited her as often as possible. There were no quarrels in the family. Grandmother lived to be 89 years old. She died Sept. 28th, 1875. I went down from Cleveland to attend her funeral. She was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Summary of Grandmother's ancestors:

Henry Klock came over with the Palatines in 1709. George Klock, date of birth not now known; died in 1790.

George G. Klock, born Nov. 12, 1742; died July 26, 1834.
Elizabeth Klock " Sep. 23, 1786; died Sep. 28, 1875



DE WITT C. NELLIS.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

DESCENDED FROM PALATINES OF MOHAWK VALLEY,

IN FOLLOWING LINE:

WILLIAM NELLIS, BORN 1688.

ANDREW NELLIS, BORN 1715.

PHILLIP NELLIS, BORN 1748.

PETER P. NELLIS, BORN 1783.

JAMES NELLIS, BORN 1818

DE WITT C. NELLIS, BORN 1849

DeWITT CLINTON NELLIS.

DeWitt Clinton Nellis, is the son of James Nellis, who was the son of Peter P. Nellis, who was the son of Philip Nellis, who was the son of Andrew Nellis, who was the son of William Nellis, one of the original Palatines, as described in previous pages.

DeWitt C. Nellis now resides in Topeka, Kansas, and is employed on the "Kansas Farmer". He has three children, viz: Luther, Annie and Celeste. The daughter Celeste was born in Hays City, Feb. 7, 1877, and at an early age developed a taste for music. She is now an expert pianist, and a teacher in Wm. H. Sherwood's Conservatory of Music at Chicago. I met Miss Nellis in Cleveland in July 1893. Miss Nellis had a book with her, written by her father, the title of which is "Nellis-McAfee Family Album". From this book, kindly loaned me for the purpose, many of the facts were obtained in regard to the Palatines, and the three original Nellis Brothers, Christian, William and Johannes.

The pictures of himself and Miss Celeste were kindly furnished by DeWitt Clinton Nellis.



CELESTE BIRDELLA NELLIS.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

DAUGHTER OF D. C. NELLIS.

THE WARNER FAMILY.

From Vermont on the North to Connecticut on the South for fifty miles along the eastern border of New York extends the Berkshier Hills of Mass. It is a region of hill and valley, lake and stream. Its beauty is world renowned.

Near the center of the Berkshier Hills on the line of the Boston and Albany rail road lies the present town of Hinsdale, formerly called Dalton. Dalton was incorporated March 20th 1784. January 2d 1792 Nathan Warner and others wanted to petition the legislature for a Committee to locate a Meeting House and determine whether any part of the inhabitants ought to be set off to their town of Hinsdale but the people could not agree.

Hinsdale was incorporated in 1804.

In this town of Hinsdale at a place then and now called "Warner Hill" our record of the Warner family commences.

Warner Hill is 2135 feet above sea level and has a fine view from the summit.

It appears from the records that the Warners owned 316 acres on this hill.

OUR RECORDS OF THE WARNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Andrew Warner. Samuel Warner. Jesse Warner. Nathan Warner (Sr.) Nathan Warner Jr. Salley Almira Warner.

ANDREW WARNER.

Andrew Warner lived at Hatfield the date of birth and death not known. He had a son Samuel Warner.

SAMUEL WARNER.

Samuel Warner was born in Hatfield but date of birth and death not known. He married Mary Sacket of Hatfield and they had a son Jesse Warner.

JESSE WARNER.

Jesse Warner born in Hatfield May 6th 1718 and died May 10th 1793. His wifes name was Mary and they had a son Nathan Warner (Sr.). Jesse Warner was a farmer and lived on Warner Hill where he owned several hundred acres. He at one time sold 119 acres of this land to his son Nathan Warner (Sr.).

Consideration named in the deed was Forty Dollars.

Jesse Warner died in 1793. In 1794 David Warner of Warnesborough, N. Y. was appointed Administrator of Jesse Warner's estate and Nathan Warner was his bondsman.

NATHAN WARNER SR.

Nathan Warner Sr. was born at Hinsdale Mass. in 1755, and died in Lexington, Ky. Feb. 17th 1829. Nathan Warner Sr. had three wives as detailed more fully later on.

His first wife, was Jerusha Webb and their oldest son was Nathan Warner Jr. See page 165.

His second wife was Mrs. Amy Cook, formerly Wetter. Page 162.

Nathan Warner Sr. lived on a farm of 318 acres on Warner Hill. He was evidently a church-going man for it appears that about 1798, he was one of the Congregational Church Building Committee. He sold the farm on which he lived Feb. 28th 1811 for \$6,500 to Nehemirah Hubbard Jr. and Joshua Stow of Middletown Conn. and executed the deed there. His wife Amy Warner released right of dower July 8th 1812 and she was then living in Geauga Co. Ohio (Now Lake County).

This Nehemirah Hubbard Jr. was large owner of land at and near Ashtabula Ohio. The present Richard Hubbard of Ashtabula from Middletown Conn., about 1861.

The record of Andrew, Samuel, Jesse and Nathan Warner Sr. was obtained of Mr. Rollin Cooke of Pittsfield, Mass. Further account of Nathan Warner Sr. on page 159.

THERE ARE THREE GRAVE STONES
IN THE CEMETERY AT HINSDALE, MASS.,
WITH THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTIONS:

This Monument is

Erected
in memory of
Mr. Jesse Warner
who died
May 10th 1793
in the 76th year of
his age.

In memory of

Mrs. Mary Warner
relief of
Mr. Jesse Warner
who died
October 19th 1801.
in the 77th year of
her age.

This monument is

Erected
in memory of
Mrs. Jerusha Warner
Consort of
Mr. Nathan Warner
who died
Sept. 25th 1794
in the 32d year of
her age.

Her children rise up and call her blessed.
Her husband also and he praiseth her.

WARNER FAMILY.

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Nathan Warner, Sr., father of Nathan Warner, Jr., and grandfather of Sally Almira Warner-Wallis, was born at Hinsdale, Mass., in 1755.

He moved his family to Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio, in 1811. They came through from Massachusetts with ox teams and were over one month making the journey. He settled in the woods on 500 acres of Government land, and was obliged to clear up every acre of land that he cultivated. Indians were plentiful and often dangerous. Nathan Warner, Sr. was called out several times during the War of 1812. He went with a company of volunteers to Cleveland and Sandusky, marching through on foot and suffering many hardships. Nathan Warner, Sr., had three wives. His first wife was Jervusha Webb. the children by first wife were:

Nathan Warner, Jr. born at Hinsdale Mass. Jan. 31, 1785

Elijah Warner, " " " "

Jerusha Warner " " " " July 3, 1783

Anson Warner, " " " "

Philothete Warner " " " "

Of the above, Elijah Warner settled, lived and died in Kentucky. He was the father of William Warner, who now lives in Lexington, Ky; also the father of Almira Warner, who married Mr. Van Swear-
enger, and they- at last accounts- lived in Monroe City, Mo. *The William Warner above referred to died May 13rd 1902 - 1902*

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Anson Warner settled, lived and died in Kentucky. Have no account of his family.

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Philothete Warner married a Mr. Farnes. They had several children. Have no record of this family.

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Jerusha Warner married Dickerman Chamberlin, Dec. 1st, 1803. They had nine children, viz: Cemantha, Philothete, Jerusha, Maryann, Emily, Lorenzo, Eli, Alfred and Edwin. This family lived at Riga, N. Y.

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Eli Chamberlain married Maryann Palmer

Oct. 1, 1845. He at one time had a grocery store at Rochester, N. Y.

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Semantha Chamberlin married G. Dickason, Oct. 10, 1830. They had three children, viz: Catharir, Zasina and Philothete. Zasina married a Mr. Eames, and at one time they lived on Perry St., Cleveland. H. C. Nellis boarded with her while attending commercial school. Mr. Eames died and Mrs. Eames married Dr. Gleason, and is now living at 2240 Broadway, this city. Philothete has been living at Chicago, but at the present time is living with Mrs. Gleason.

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Of the other children or grandchildren of Jerusha Chamberlin, I have no record.

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The second wife of Nathan Warner, Sr. was
~~They were married May 25th 1795~~
Mrs. Amy Cook (formerly Amy Witter). Mrs. Cook had
a daughter- Sally Cook, who later married Nathan
Warner, Jr. The children by second wife were
Otis Warner, lived and died at Leroy, Ohio.

Oliver Warner, lived and died on home farm.
and Alfred Warner,^{wk.} moved first to Lexington, Ky. and
then to Monroe City, Mo. He purchased a farm of
640 acres, set out a large number of shade trees,
built a fine house, owned a number of slaves, and
at time of the war was living in true Southern
style. He was a Judge of Circuit Court, a Union
man during the War, and had many narrow escapes.
He died Sept. 21, 1867, aged 69. His picture accom-
panies this article. His son, Alfred Warner,
Jr., is still living on the home farm.

The third wife of Nathan Warner, Sr., was
Mrs. Kimball. No children.

All the children of Nathan Warner's were
born at Hinsdale, Mass.

Nathan Warner, Sr., died at Lexington, Ky.
Feb. 17, 1829. The Warners were all large size,
fine looking men.



ALFRED WARNER.

NATHAN WARNER, JR.

Great Grandfather Of

Ralph Nellis, Flora Nellis and Gray Nellis.

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Nathan Warner, Jr., son of Nathan Warner, Sr., and father of Sally Almira Warner-Nellis, was born at Hinsdale, Mass., January 31st, 1785. He married Sally Cook, July 4th, 1810. Sally Cook was born at Preston, Conn., January 31, 1785, thus being exactly of the same age of her husband. Sally Cook was a daughter of Nathan Warner, Sr.'s second wife by her first husband. The children of Nathan Warner, Jr. and Sally Cook-Warner, were

Elbridge Warner born Dec. 15, 1811; died Mch. 11, 1884

Sally Almira Warner " May 3, 1815; died

Stephen G. Warner born Aug. 6, 1816; died Jan. 16, 1892

Amy J. Warner, born Jul. 23, 1822; died Feb. 28, 1823

Nathan W. Warner born Aug. 18, 1824; died Mch. 14, 1825

Emeline W. Warner born Apr. 15, 1827; died

The children were all born in Unionville, C., except E. O. Warner, who was born at Hinsdale, Mass.

Nathan Warner, Jr. moved to Unionville from Hinsdale, Mass. in 1812. He located in the woods, one mile south of what is now called Unionville Centre. His land (500 acres) joined that of his father, who had located there the year previous. A log house was built and occupied till the year 1818 when a small frame house was built. This house was built in two parts, with a covered space between. It had a large open fire place, where all the cooking was done. This house was enlarged about 1851, and was occupied by Stephen C. Warner till about 1858.

Nathan Warner, Jr., had a stroke of apoplexy, and died in church September 8th, 1841.

*Bally Cook Warner died at Unionville Ohio
August 23^d 1870*

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SALLY COOK - WARNER.

ELBRIDGE O. WARNER.

Elbridge O. Warner, oldest son of Nathan Warner, Jr., was born at Hinsdale, Mass. Dec. 15th, 1811. Died at Unionville, O., March 11th, 1834. He was one year old when his father moved to Ohio. He married Nancy Nellis (daughter of J. I. D. Nellis) January 5th, 1842. For further account of family cf E. O. Warner, see "Nancy-Nellis-Warner" page 140.

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STEPHEN C. WARNER.

Stephen C. Warner, second son of Nathan Warner, Jr., was born at Unionville, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1816. Died at Unionville Jan. 16th, 1892. He was a large size, good looking man. He was a farmer and stock raiser. He married Lucy Ann Cunningham June 1st, 1842. Lucy Cunningham was born Oct. 1, 1820.

Their children were " " died May 5th, 1901, of apoplexy
at Parkerville, O.

Georgia Warner, 1st. Born Sep. 12, 1845; died Jan. 25, '49

Randolph Warner, 1st Born Oct. 21, 1847; died Jan. 11, '49

Georgia Warner, 2nd Born Sep. 6, 1850; died Feb. 16, '77

Randolph Warner, 2nd, Born Nov. 21, 1853; died

The two first children died of scarlet fever. Georgia Warner, 2nd, married Charles Willard at Painesville, Ohio, June 24th, 1874. She died at Muncie, Ind., Feb. 16, 1877. No children.

Randolph Warner, 2nd, married May E. Deshler, of Columbus, Ohio, April 28th, 1885. They have two children, Wm. Deshler Warner, born Oct. 8, 1886, and Randolph S. Warner, born Jan. 18th, 1892. Mr. Warner is engaged in Furnace and Iron business, firm of King, Gilbert and Warner, of Columbus, Ohio.

SALLY ALMIRA WARNER.

(See Sally Almira Warner-Nellis, page 63)

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EMELINE WARNER-AXTELL.

Emeline Warner, youngest daughter of Nathan Warner, Jr., was born at Unionville, Ohio, April 13, 1827. She married Irmie Axtell, Oct. 25th, 1848. The children of Irmie Axtell and Emeline Warner-Axtell, were

Mary Axtell	born Jul. 17, 1850 died
Fey Warner Axtell,	born Aug. 22, 1851 died Oct. 25, '71
Ralph Irmie Axtell,	born May 15, 1853 died Jan. 27, '62
Emma Axtell,	born Jan. 1, 1856 died Jan. 16, '62
Laura Axtell,	born Feb. 1, 1862 died Nov. 2. 1898

Mary Axtell married Julius Byles, Sept. 27, 1874. Mr. Byles is a lawyer. They live at Titusville, Pa. Their children are

Emma Axtell Byles	born Nov. 17th, 1877.
Florence Laura Byles "	June 20th, 1879
Axtell Julius Byles "	Oct. 21st, 1880

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Imri Axtell was born in Perry, Lake Co.,
O., Feb. 12th, 1822.

He was a farmer and lived on his farm in
Perry, Ohio, till about 1865, when he moved to
Painesville, Ohio. He was for many years a direc-
tor of the Painesville National Bank. In December
of 1887, he went to Southern California for the
benefit of his health. He took a cold and died
there very suddenly, Jan. 8th, 1888.

Mrs. Axtell and daughter Laura are living
in Painesville, Ohio.

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Laura Axtell died November 2^d 1898
She was interred in Painesville Cemetery Nov 4^d 1898

THE COOK FAMILY.

1665	1675	1687	1717	1749	1785
Gregory	--Stephen	--John	--James	--Elisha	--Sally

Sarah (Sally) Cook Warner, Grandmother of A. W. and H. C. Nellis was a decendent of Gregory Cook of Cambridge, Mass. It is thought that Gregory Cook came from Yorkshier, England and that his oldest son Stephen was born there. We can trace the name in America for two and a half Centuries, as the Cookes were early and numerous in New England. A Francis Cook came in the Mayflower in 1620 to Plymouth.

GREGORY COOK.

Gregory Cook resided in Cambridge, now Newton Mass. from 1665 to 1690. He built and occupied a home at what is now know as Angiers Corner. This place was the homestead of some of his decendents till about time of the Revolution. Capt. Phineas Cook was the last who possessed it. Gregory Cook was a shoemaker. He was a Constable from 1654 to 1679. He was Selectman in 1669. He had a farm of 116 acres. His first wife's name was Mary. They had a son Stephen. Mary died Aug. 17th 1681. Gregory married 2d Widow Susan Goodwin Nov. 1681. He died June 1st 1690, and his son Stephen administered on his estate, which according to inventory amounted to 191 Pounds.

STEPHEN COOK.

Stephen Cook (son of Gregory) was born in England and came with his father to Cambridge. He was a farmer and a Selectman of Newton 1697-98, 1708 and 1716. He was a Member of Mr. Bailey's Church, full Communion, Watertown where he was a Deacon. He married Nov. 19th 1679, Rebecca Flagg of Watertown. They had eight children (viz) Mary, Stephen, Isaac, John, James, Samuel, Peter, Daniel. Mrs. Cook died in 1721. Mr. Cook died in 1738.

JOHN COOK.

John Cook (son of Stephen) was born in Newton, March 15th 1687. Settled in Preston, Conn. about 1710, he married Ruth Barton of Watertown, Mass. Dec. 6th 1715. John Cook was a farmer. In 1719 he was one of two grand jurors from Preston. In 1730 he was Selectman. In 1731 he was the deputy (representative) from Preston to the General Assembly of the Colony. In 1736 he was Justice of the Peace, and in 1737 Town Agent. Mrs. Ruth Cook died in Preston June 27, 1771. John died in Preston Aug. 22d 1762. They had ten children (viz) James, Margaret, Isaiah, Thaddeas, Ruth, John, Abigah, Elizabeth, Margery, Barton.

John Cook was quite well off for those days. He left a will dated April 24th 1762 in which he willed his Negro Servants to his son Barton.

James Cook.

James Cook oldest son of John Cook, was born in Preston January 1st 1717. He spent his life as a farmer and clothier in Preston. He married Rebecca Larrabee born in 1721. She was mother of two of his children, and died Nov. 28th 1748. Mr. Cook subsequently married --- Parks who was mother of four of his children. The date of the death of Mr. Cook and last wife not known. Their children were Daniel, Isaiah, Nathan, Stephen, Elisha, Eliphant. (All Bible names).

ELISHA COOK.

Elisha Cook 5th son of James Cook was born in Preston in 1749. He married Amy Wetter May 29th 1783. Thier children were, Abigail, born Aug. 6th 1783. Sarah (Sally) born January 31st 1785. Elisha, born Nov. 9th 1786. Stephen, born Feb. 19th 1790. All born in Preston. Elisha Cook d died in Preston Nov. 8th 1793. Amy Wetter Cook widow of Elisha, married Nathan Warner Sr. May 25th 1795. Page 159. Sarah (Sally) Cook, second child of Elisha and Amy Cook, married Nathan Warner Jr. Page 165, and they were the parents of Sally Almira Warner (Nellis) and Grand-parents of A. W. and H. C. Nellis.

The foregoing information in regard to Cook family was taken from a "Cook Genealogical Record", kindly furnished by Rollin H. Cook of Pittsfield Mass. July 23d 1901.

JOSEPH DEAN HALL.

Great Grandfather of Ralph and Flora Nellis.

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Joseph Dean Hall, son of
and father of George Hall, was born April 4, 1784,
at Lynne, Conn.

In 1800, when only 16 years old, he came
through from Lynne to Cleveland, Ohio, with a small
company of pioneers, looking for a favorable place
to locate land. He drove a yoke of steers with
all his household possessions in a farm cart, and
his mother (a widow) drove one horse before a chaise

There were no roads between Conneaut and
Cleveland, and they had to pick their way through
the woods, fording streams, etc., as best they could.
They were nearly three months making the journey.
Upon their arrival at Cleveland, they found only
two or three houses. Cleveland at that time had
hardly been surveyed.

J. D. Hall examined the soil, and finding
it sandy, concluded it was not strong enough for
farming purposes, so he turned about and went back
to Rome, Ashtabula Co., where he located 100 acres

of clay land. At the time of his death, this clay farm was worth Twenty Five Dollars per acre, the Cleveland land anywhere from Ten to Fifty Thousand dollars per acre. This land located by J. D. Hall, cost One Dollar per acre. It was all heavily timbered and had to be cleared before any crops could be raised. A log house was built and occupied till 1828 when a frame house was erected. Game was in great abundance and was the principal reliance for food during the first two years. It was no uncommon occurrence to stand in the door of the old log house and shoot a deer or wild turkey.

Indians were numerous and often a source of great anxiety, particularly so during the War of 1812. In this war, J. D. Hall was a soldier under General Harrison. He was detailed part of the time as cook and body servant to the General.

The horse that was driven through from Lynne lived to be over 30 years old. He was used for all farming purposes, and to carry grist to a mill 40 miles away. He was rented out at different times, at the rate of one dollar per day, and it is estimated that over Five Hundred Dollars was re-

ceived for his use.

Joseph D. Hall was married twice. His first wife was Jerusha Gillett, who was born in 1781. They were married December 13, 1810. Their children were

Edward Hall born Mch. 11, 1812; died

Lucy Hall, born Feb. 9, 1814; died Mch. 30, 1842

Leander Hall, born Jan. 5, 1816; died May 1, 1892

George Hall, born Feb. 26, 1817.

Jerusha Gillett Hall, died Dec. 15, 1818.

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March 28th, 1820, Joseph Dean Hall married Julia Rogers. Their children were

Jerusha Hall, born Feb. 1819; died Mch. 14, 1819

Joseph L. Hall born Sep. 27, 1825; died Oct. 24, 1864

Wm. Cone Hall born Aug. 1, 1827; died Jun. 11, 1829

Wm. Cone Hall born Mch. 27, 1830; died May 8, 1862

The last wife, Julia Rogers Hall, died July 25, 1874.

Joseph Dean Hall died Dec. 29, 1872, aged 88. He lived and died on the farm which he located in 1800.

Edward Hall, the oldest son of Joseph D. Hall, was both a carpenter and farmer. He lived and died on the home farm. He married Clarissa Cone, Dec. 27, 1841. Their children were Jerusha Hall and John Hall.

Clarissa Cone Hall died in 1849 and September 2, 1851, Edward Hall married Sarah Flower; no children.

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Lucy Hall married Fitch Collins, September 1834. They had one daughter, Eliza Collins. This family are all dead.

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Leander Hall was for many years a merchant at Ashtabula, Ohio, and laterally at Cincinnati, Ohio. He married Rhea Lockwood, of Ashtabula, Sept. 22, 1839. Rhea Lockwood Hall died Nov. 22, 1880. Their children were, George Hall, born March 1, 1843 and Leander Hall, born May 22, 1850.

These sons are both married and living in Cincinnati, Ohio. George married Ella Dicks Oct.

21, 1868. They have a daughter, Mary Rhena Hall, born Sept. 15, 1876.

Leander married Fannie Hastings Hazzard, Aug. 2, 1877. They have a daughter, Marion Snelling Hall, born Feb. 4, 1882.

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George Hall, third son of Joseph Dean Hall and father of Mary Louise Hall-nellis, has had many and varied experiences, which will be related in a separate chapter. He married Marietta Fassett, of Ashtabula, Ohio, Sept. 17th, 1844. Their children were

Frederick L. Hall born July 18, 1845.

Mary Louise Hall, born Apr. 26, 1849.

Harriet Emily Hall, born May 3, 1851.

Marietta Georgia Hall born Nov. 7, 1860.

(See pages 199 to 206 for further sketches
of Geo. Hall and family)

(See pages 211 to 228 for sketches of Fassett
family)

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Lynn Hall, fourth son of Joseph Dean Hall

and half brother of first four children, married Augusta Crosby, Nov. 9, 1851. They had two children (names not known).

Wm. Hall was a carpenter and farmer. He enlisted in the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion, and was killed at the siege of Vicksburgh.

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FREDERICK L. HALL.

Frederick L. Hall, the only son of Geo. Hall, was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, July 18, 1845. He attended the public school at Ashtabula, and also took a course in penmanship with the world renowned, Platt R. Spencer. "Fred" became an expert penman, which art was of service to him in later life.

In 1862, during the war of the rebellion, he enlisted for three years, in 105th Regiment, O. V. I. and saw much active service. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea. On account of his good penmanship, he was detailed to the Quartermaster's Department as book-keeper. At the expiration of

his term of service he reinlisted. At the close of the war, he was for a time engaged in his father's store in Cleveland, and later, with Gordon Lamp and Gas Fixture Company, as book-keeper.

"Fred" was nearly six feet tall, weighed about 160 lbs, dark hair and a fine looking man. He died at Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1892, and was buried on his father's lot in Lake View Cemetery, his death and burial occurring the same day as that of his sister Metta.

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MARY LOUISE HALL-NELLIS.

Mary Louise Hall, oldest daughter of Geo. Hall, was born at Ashtabula, O., April 26, 1849. At four years of age Louise could sing and play the accompaniment on the piano. She gave exhibitions of her ability at various concerts given by her father about this time. She has always kept up her taste for music and plays the piano with correct time and expression. Louise, being the oldest daughter, her sisters, Hattie and Metta, were often

left in her care during the absence of their mother on extended trips with their father, to visit his various stores. She thus in early youth became imbued with domestic tastes and responsibility, which have clung to her through life. She became a member of the Congregational Church at Ashtabula in 1866. She removed with her father's family to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1866.

Mary Louise Hall married Alfred W. Nellis, of Ashtabula, Ohio, at Cleveland, O., Nov. 13, 1867. Their children are Ralph Hall Nellis, born June 3, 1875, and Flora M. Nellis, born July 23, 1878.

(For further particulars of the life of A. W. Nellis and family, see pages 89 to 101)

Louise has had an active and useful life. Besides the care and rearing of her own family, she for many years was the main reliance of her invalid mother. "Where is Louise" "where is mama" has been the constant call. Through it all she has maintained an even temper and a lovely disposition. She has been a devoted daughter, wife and mother.

"None know her, but to love her".

Become blind April 1922

Died June 7, 1926. Heart trouble



MARIETTA HALL-PALMER.

MARIETTA G. HALL-PALMER.

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Marietta G. Hall, youngest daughter of George Hall, was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, Nov. 7th, 1860.

"Metta" was never of a very strong constitution and was more or less of an invalid all her life. When quite young she had trouble with one of her limbs and for sometime she was obliged to walk with a crutch. For many years of her later life, she often had dispepsia, and through all her sufferings she maintained a cheerful disposition. She was always a great favorite with young men, and could entertain them equally well either with conversation, music or dancing. She was a brunette, tall, well formed, noticeable figure. Her education was acquired to a large extent by reading, travel and observation.

"Metta" G. Hall married Dr. Marvin R. Palmer, of Jamestown, N. Y., at Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1890. They lived for one year at Jamestown,

N.Y. where Dr. Palmer was in company with Dr. Hazleton. They then moved to Lakewood, N. Y. where the Doctor had charge of a Sanitarium for the cure of consumption.

Here Metta died very suddenly, Nov. 11, 1892. She was buried in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. She died and was buried on the same day as her brother, Frederick L. Hall. Metta was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, of Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Palmer now resides at 221 West 127th St., N. Y. where he has an office and is a regular practicing physician. He married for his second wife, Miss Helen Van Praag, Oct. 1, 1896.

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HATTIE HALL-MARSHALL.

HARRIET EMILY HALL-MARSHALL

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Harriet Emily Hall, second daughter of George Hall, was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, May 3rd, 1851. "Hattie" was always of a lively, cheerful disposition, very quick and active in all her movements. She makes acquaintances and friends with all with whom she comes in contact. She is fond of amusement, and takes delight in seeing young people enjoy themselves. She is a fine musician, playing most any difficult piece on the piano with very little effort. She owns a fine residence on 10th St., Toledo, Ohio.

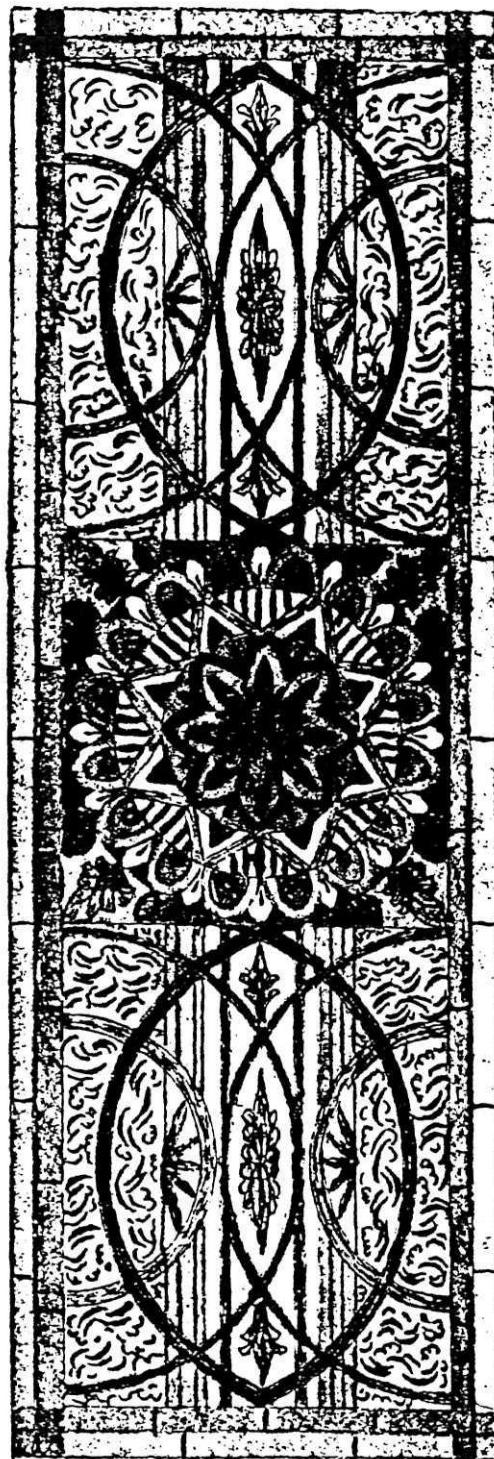
"Hattie" E. Hall married Henry T. Marshall, of Cleveland, O., at Cleveland, Oct. 15, 1873. They have one daughter, Louise Marshall (Lulu) born at Cleveland, O. Aug. 22, 1874. Henry T. Marshall was born at Cleveland, Ohio, July 7th, 1851. He was in the hardware business with Lockwood, Van Dorn and Miller, for 8 years, commencing in 1869. For four years of this time he was traveling salesman

for above firm. In 1877 he accepted position as ticket agent at St. Louis, Mo., for the Big Four Railroad. He removed his family thither and remained two years. In February 1879 he moved to Toledo, O., and went into the General Ticket Office at the Union Depot, where he is still engaged. He has taste and skill as a designer of wall paper patterns and stained glass windows. The design for window on page 189 was executed and donated by him for this book.

Henry Clay Marshall, father of Henry J. Marshall
born at Poultry Ut October 16th 1823

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Louise Marshall mother of H. J. Marshall, born Nov 6th 1828
Mr H C Marshall father of H J Marshall Died Aug 17th 1889
Mrs Louise Marshall mother of H J Marshall Died Nov 19th 1901



Amateur DRAWING & DESIGN
H. T. MARSHALL



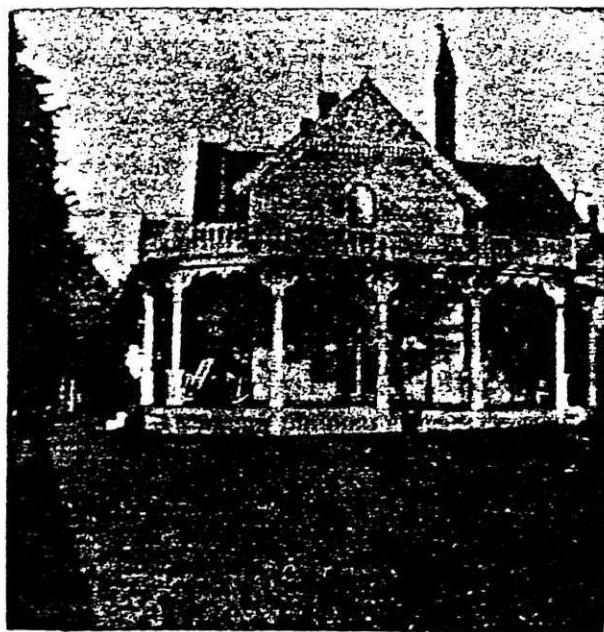
RESIDENCE OF HATTIE HALL-MARSHALL,
TOLEDO, OHIO.



View of Yard and Barn on Fassett farm.
Miss Carrie Dart - Mrs Silas Fassett.



Residence of Mrs Silas Fassett, on
Fassett Hill - Looking North.



*Summer Cottage of Geo Hall.
Lakewood, N.Y.*



*Residence of Mrs. Emeline Arteil
Painesville Ohio*



GEORGE HALL.



MARIETTA FASSETT-HALL.

GEORGE HALL.

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George Hall, father of Mary Louise Hall-Nellis, and grandfather of Ralph and Flora Nellis, was born in a log house in Rome, Ashtabula County, Ohio, Feb. 26th, 1817. The first ten years of his life was spent in this log house, which was of the most primitive kind, not a sawed board being used in its construction. The floors were of split logs (called puncheons). The cracks were all filled with mud plaster, which often worked out, and a good driving snow storm worked in, so that it often happened that on awakening in the morning, snow would be found on the bed clothes. Quite a contrast between the "Then and Now". A new house was built by his father in 1826 with some of the then "modern improvements", such as glass windows, stairs, brick chimney, etc. At 18 years of age, George Hall, not being satisfied with a farmer's life, left home with his father's consent, and went forth to seek his fortune. The first winter he attended school at Farmington and worked for his board. This was the only schooling he ever received outside of a few months in the old log school house near his home.

The next winter he passed an examination and taught a school at Edinburgh, Ohio. All the questions asked of him

at the examination to procure this school was to spell "gauge" and "sieve". Many of his scholars were much older and larger than himself. He often had to study most all night to master the lessons for the following day. In this way he educated himself just in advance of his scholars. He received \$10.00 a month and boarded around. This method had one advantage at least in giving him a change of diet. The next season he went to Ravenna and opened up a private academy, which was a success in every way. Some new systems of teaching and school government were introduced, which were a novelty at the time. Scholars were required to take turns in hearing recitations, taking charge of the school, etc. All scholars were put on their honor to report their own exceptions to rules, and as this was required every day at a given hour and before the whole school, it soon became quite rare that a rule was broken. This school was maintained six years, when his health not being very good, he concluded to take a trip south. He fitted up a rig and started overland to New Orleans, stopping occasionally to form a class in penmanship, to lecture on Phrenology or to take daguerreotypes, he having the first instrument and took the first pictures ever taken in America. This instrument he purchased at a cost of \$300. of a man that bought it of Dagurre in Paris.

and brought it direct to Ravenna.

He was nearly one year on this trip, was taken sick at New Orleans and for several months was unable to travel. He sold his rig and returned by boat, via. Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to Ohio. He then located in Ashtabula, Ohio, where he soon opened up the Ashtabula Academy, and had a flourishing school which he maintained for five years. It was managed very much on the same principal as the former school at Ravenna.

Geo. Hall and Marietta Fassett were married Sept. 17, 1844. (See page 176)

Mr. Hall went as clerk on the Steamboat Cleveland, during the season of 1848. That winter he opened a book and toy store at Ashtabula. To this stock he very soon added a number of Prince Melodeons, which were then made in Buffalo, N. Y. One winter before the railroad was built, he had a load of melodeons hauled through from Buffalo on a hay rack. This store was sold out in 1850 to a Mr. Chapman. About this time Mr. Hall made his first trip to New York, to buy pianos, going by way of boat to Buffalo, and down the Erie Canal by packet boat. He purchased three pianos of the firm of Raven and Bacon on time, the pianos to be paid for after sold and the money collected. The firm had never seen or

heard of him before, and he had no acquaintance or letters of credit, but from that day to this, Mr. Hall has kept that make of piano in stock. He has purchased hundreds of their pianos and paid them thousands of dollars. These three pianos were brought to Ashtabula, and the first sale made was to Lewis Austin, of Austinburgh, Ohio. The first piano case melodeon was sold to Joshua R. Giddings, of Jefferson, Ohio. From this small beginning, with no capital, but good credit and a firm determination to succeed, the business increased till in the course of a few years, he had established agencies in Painesville, Ravenna, Akron, Salem and Canton. Soon another store was opened in Cleveland. He traveled from place to place looking after the various stores, helping the agents to make sales, etc. He was the first one to sell any article on the monthly payment system. At one time, Wm. B. Bradbury offered Mr. Hall salary of \$6,000. per year, and an interest in the Bradbury Piano, if he would go to New York and take charge of the Bradbury Piano Factory. Soon the Cleveland store became of the most importance, and in 1866, he moved his family to Cleveland. The first store was located on Ontario Street, but in 1867, he secured a long lease on the present store, 60 Public Square, where the business has been conducted ever since. This store he purchased for



RESIDENCE OF GEO. HALL,
864 EUCLID AVE., CLEVELAND, O.

\$25,500. cash Sept. 24th, 1887. Here many thousand pianos and organs have been sold, and as many homes made happy with the soothing and refining melody of music.

While a resident of Ashtabula, Geo. Hall built a fine residence on Park Street, a kodac view of which can be seen on page 102. His present residence, 864 Euclid Avenue, he designed and built in 1874, at a cost of over \$50,000. A cut of this house accompanies this article. In 1888, he purchased a fine summer cottage at Lakewood, N. Y. at a cost of \$5,000. This cottage commands a fine view of Lake Chautauqua, and is considered one of the most desirable places in Lakewood. One striking characteristic of his residence, cottage and store, is that they are all invariably painted white outside and in. In 1893, Mr. Hall erected a fine white granite monument on his lot in Lake View Cemetery, at a cost for lot and monument of \$4,000.

He has always taken an active part in the building and support of the Congregational Church. He is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, of Cleveland.

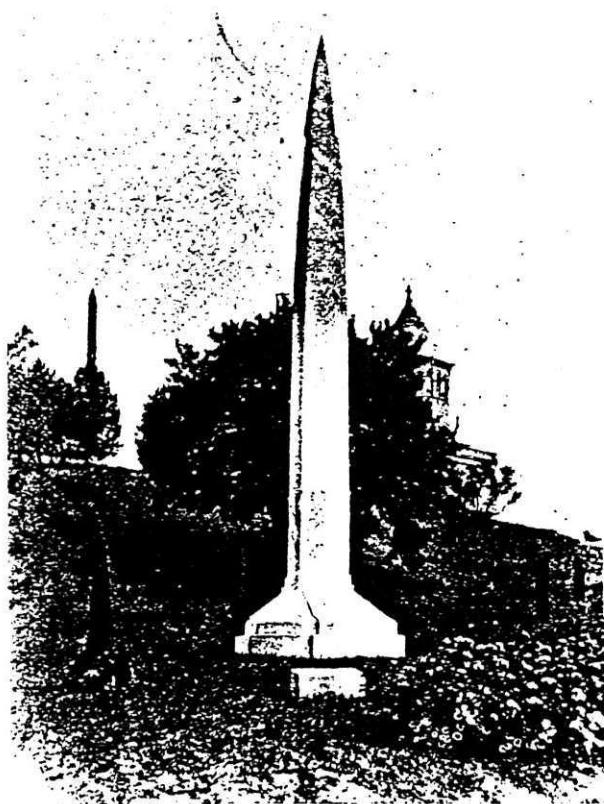
For the last 25 years, he has been quite a traveler, spending a good part of each summer at either the mountains, sea side, or at Lakewood, N. Y., and many winters in Florida and the South. He is now 80 years old, stands 5

feet 6 inches high, has light brown hair, and not a gray hair on his head, weighs 148 pounds, and looks to be not over 60 years old.

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SUMMER COTTAGE OF GEO. HALL,
LAKEWOOD, N. Y.



MONUMENT ERECTED BY GEO. HALL,
ON HIS LOT IN LAKE VIEW CEMETERY.

F A S S E T T F A M I L Y.

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Samuel Montague Fassett- father of Marietta Fassett-Hall, was born in Bennington, Vt., Oct. 5th, 1785, and died at Southwold, Upper Canada, Nov. 3rd, 1834. Dorcas Smith, his wife, daughter of Capt. John Smith, of West Rutland, Vt., born May 26th, 1788, died at Ashtabula, Ohio, Nov. 15th, 1862. Mrs. Fassett was medium size, dark hair and eyes, very active and energetic.

Samuel Montague Fassett and Dorcas Smith, his wife, were the parents of

Silas S. Fassett, born in Rutland, Vt., Aug. 29th, 1808, and died at Ashtabula, Ohio, April 17th, 1893.

Harriet M. Fassett, born in Ancaster, Canada, April 5th, 1812, and died at Ashtabula, Ohio.

William Fassett, born in Beverly, Canada, March 14th, 1815.

Henry Fassett, born in Beverly, Canada, Sept. 14th, 1817.

Marietta Fassett, born in Ancaster, Canada, Dec. 24, 1819. Died at Cleveland, Ohio.

John Smith Fassett, born in Bayham, Canada, May 3rd, 1822, died at Willoughby, Ohio.

Samuel M. Fassett, born in Bayham, Canada, May 11,
1825.

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Mr. Fassett moved from Rutland, Vt., to Holland Purchase, N. Y., and from there to Ancaster, Canada, between the year 1805 and 1812. He died in 1834.

Mr. Fassett, with Harriett, Marietta and Samuel moved to Ashtabula about 1838. William, Henry and John had previously moved to Ohio, as shown on succeeding pages.

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Johnathan Fassett was the name of
the father of Samuel Montague Fassett
He came from Scotland (Informed by Mr.
Fassett of Ashtabula (May 20th 1899))

SILAS S. FASSETT.

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Silas S. Fassett, the oldest son of S. M. Fassett, was born in Rutland, Vt., August 29th, 1808. He came to Ohio when about 28 years old, and settled at Massillon. His first occupation was that of a singing school teacher and leader of church choir. He moved to Ashtabula about 1837, where he also taught music, and for many years led the choir in the Presbyterian Church. He purchased the second piano that was brought into Ashtabula. Through all his life he kept up his interest in music. He was engaged at one time in the Dry Goods business at Ashtabula, with his brother Henry Fassett, and was also a partner in the saw mill and other enterprises undertaken by the "Fassett Brothers". He helped build the double house, on Main Street, now occupied by Henry Fassett, and later he sold out his interest in this place, and bought 18 acres of land on the hill just east of town. This place has been known for years as Fassett's Hill. There is a fine row of maples surrounding the place, a large variety of fruit and shade trees, and, in many respects, it is one of the most pleasant and desirable places in Ashtabula. It is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Luncinda Fassett. For a number of

years S. S. Fassett was engaged in the piano business. He tuned and sold pianos for his brother-in-law, George Hall, of Cleveland. He made it his home while in Cleveland with Mr. Hall, and was familiarly called "Uncle Silas".

Fassett had four wives. The first two were from Vermont. His first wife was Clementine Gage, to whom he was married March 10th, 1833. She died Feb. 14th, 1837.

His second wife was Castendana Gage (a sister of his first wife) They were married Sept. 19th, 1837. She died Jan. 27th, 1840.

His third wife was Emeline Van Houter (formerly Crosby) of Ashtabula, Ohio. They were married March 16th, 1841, and she was the mother of all the children, viz:

Frank Fassett, born Dec. 29, 1841.

Frederick E. Fassett, born June 10, 1843. Died in 1893.

Emma Jane Fassett, born Apr. 30, 1845.

James Fassett, born May 15, 1847. Died May 1st 1897

His fourth wife was Mrs. Lucinda Dart (formerly Dick) of Ashtabula, Ohio. They were married Dec. 17th, 1883. Mrs. Dart had two daughters when she married Mr. Fassett, viz: Miss Clara Dart and Mrs. Millard, of Chicago.

Uncle Silas died April 17th, 1893, aged 83. He looked in death as though in a peaceful sleep. Mrs. Nellis and myself attended the funeral at Ashtabula.

Frank Fassett, the oldest son of S. S. Fassett, enlisted Aug. 12th, 1861 and served till the close of the War of the Rebellion. He was with Fremont, Hunter, Curtiss and Halcack, and took part in 18 battles. He married Lucy E. Robertson, July 5, 1869.

They have two children:

Harry J. Fassett, born Nov. 25, 1869.

Bertha E. Fassett born Nov. 10, 1872.

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Frederick E. Fassett, second son of S. S. Fassett, married Francis H. Walker, Feb. 24, 1881. They have 3 children:

Clara Louise Fassett born Aug. 25, 1882.

Earl Walker Fassett, born Dec. 29, 1884,

Grace Emeline Fassett " Dec. 13, 1887.

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Emma Jane Fassett, the only daughter of S. S. Fassett married Wm. J. Smith, July 6, 1871. She obtained a divorce from Mr. Smith about 1890 on the ground of desertion and non-support. They had one child which died in infancy. In 1891, she married H. N. Johnson, and now lives on Quinby Avenue, Cleveland.

James A. Fassett, third son of S. S. Fassett, married Mary E. Reed, June 1883. No Children. James A. Fassett has for many years been engaged in raising plants, flowers, smilax, etc. for Cleveland and other markets. Died May 1st 1891

WILLIAM FASSETT.

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William Fassett was born in Beverly, Canada, Sept. 14, 1815. He at first moved to Massillon, Ohio, and later to Ashtabula. He was engaged at one time running a steam saw mill, which he owned in connection with his brother Henry. This mill stood on West Prospect St., Ashtabula, about opposite where Triangle Park now is. He was also in the store with Henry and Silas. He moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, and was engaged in selling pianos and organs with his brother, John Smith Fassett. From Beloit he moved to Cleveland and lived for a number of years on Hough Avenue, near Willson. While in Cleveland he was engaged in selling organs for Kennard Organ Co., and later he sold pianos and organs on commission for George Hall.

Mr. Fassett was a singer and played the bass viol. William Fassett's first wife was Martha Bishop. They had three children, viz: Henry, who died in infancy, Edward who lived to be about 25 and died about 1835, Henry S., born June 29, 1840, and who is now living and is a bachelor. *Henry S. Fassett died November 20th 1899*

Mr. Fassett's second wife was a widow Terrell, and they are now living at Ashtabula.
*William Fassett died May 2^d 1900, at Ashtabula Ohio Aged 85
Was buried in Woodland Cemetery Cleveland Ohio.*

HENRY FASSETT.

Henry Fassett, second son of S. M. Fassett, was born in Beverly, Canada, Sept. 14th, 1817. He came to Ashtabula about 1836. In connection with his brothers, William & Silas, he started in the dry goods business; also built and operated a saw mill. About 1837, he was owner and editor of the Ashtabula Sentinel, which paper he edited 15 years. During the war and later till the office was discontinued in that district, Mr. Fassett was collector of Internal Revenue. Then he was elected Probate Judge of Ashtabula Co. and held the office several years. Latterly he has been engaged in the real estate, insurance and loan agency business.

Mr. Fassett's first wife was Mary Nellis, a daughter of J. I. D. Nellis, and, - being a brother of Marietta Fassett (Mrs. Geo. Hall) makes him an uncle of both Mrs. Nellis and myself. Mr. Fassett and Mary Nellis were married at Ashtabula March 23, 1842. She died Jan. 5, 1859. A more complete record of Mary Nellis and her children is given on page 138.

Henry Fassett's second wife was a Mrs. Jones, who only lived a few years. She had one child- a boy- who was very handsome and bright, but he died at about 4 years of age. His third wife was a widow, Lucia Williams. She was a very fine, well educated woman, used to be a school teacher. She died about 1888. His fourth wife was a Widow Post, formerly Mary Watrous.

Henry Fassett died August 27th 1897, at Ashtabula Ohio.

JOHN SMITH FASSETT.

John Smith Fassett, born in Bayham, Canada, May 3rd, 1822. He was the fourth son of S. M. Fassett. He came to Ohio with his brothers, Wm. and Henry, first settling in Massillon and later moving to Ashtabula, and engaging in dry goods and saw mill business under the name of Fassett Bros. He married Elizabeth Graham, Aug. 1st, 1852, at Darlington, Wis. where he opened a piano store. He returned to Cleveland in 1869 and bought place at corner of Hough and Willson. Here he built several houses which he disposed of to good advantage. In 1888 he purchased a house and 18 acres of land in Willoughby where he died in 1891. This place was sold by Mrs. Fassett. The only child is Hattie Fassett, born Aug. 5, 1856, married Edward Worfolk July 7, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Worfolk have two children, Carl Worfolk, born July 4th, 1882, Worrell Worfolk, born Nov. 18, 1884.

Mrs. J. S. Fassett ("Aunt Lib") and the Worfolks, all live in Willoughby, Ohio. They have a very pleasant place containing 15 acres of land on Mentor St. The boys, Morell and Carl, are good looking and smart. Mr. Worfolk is manager of the "Boston" Dry Goods store here in Cleveland. Mrs. Worfolk (Hattie Fassett) is first cousin of Mrs. Nellis, and has always been her particular favorite.

The name Worfolk is a Saxon name and means West-folk, or people from the West.

MARIETTA FASSETT-HALL.

Marietta Fassett was born in Ancaster, Canada, Dec. 24, 1819. She moved to Ashtabula about 1833, and for a number of years made it her home with her brother Silas Fassett. She was a fine singer and sang in the Presbyterian Church Choir at Ashtabula. She married Geo. Hall, Sept. 17, 1844. She was the mother of Frederick, Louise, Hattie and Marietta Hall. See page . She was a devote wife and mother, caring more for the comfort of her family than for society. She was fond of travel and made many trips east and south with her husband. For a number of years before her death, she was a great sufferer from sickness, but she bore it all with heroic fortitude. She died Feb. 7, 1892, at the Hall family residence, 364 Euclid Ave, and was interred in Lake View Cemetery. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

HARRIET K. FASSETT.

Aunt Harriet, oldest daughter of S. M. Fassett, and only sister of Marietta Fassett (Mrs. Geo. Hall) was born in Ancaster, Canada. She was never married. After the death of her mother, she made it her home with her brother Henry, with an occasional short visit to Cleveland. Aunt Harriet considered it her duty to watch over her mother, her brothers, her sister, and all their children. If any one were sick, Aunt Harriet was always on hand to nurse them back to health again. "No one knew her but to love her". She died Nov. 2, 1880.

SAMUEL M. FASSETT.

Samuel M. Fassett, Jr., youngest son of S. M. Fassett, born in Bayham, Canada, May 11, 1825, moved with his mother to Ashtabula, Ohio, about 1838, worked in printing office of the Ashtabula Sentinel, sang and played the flute in the church choir at Ashtabula. At 16 years of age, went to Detroit, Mich. and sang in the choir of Dr. Duffield's church two years, then went to New York and sang in Dr. Alexander's church, was librarian in a Bethel Sunday School in Five Points, returned to Ashtabula for nearly two years, then went to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he became acquainted with Cornelia Adile Strong, of Jefferson, Ohio, who at the time was on a visit to Beloit, returned and married Miss Strong at Jefferson, Ohio, Aug. 26, 1851. He bought his wedding ring and piano of Geo. Hall. First place of residence was Adrian, Mich., where he remained 18 months, clerking on a salary of \$400.00 per year. Mrs. Fassett taught music. In 1853 moved to Galena, Ill. and clerked in a wholesale dry goods house, and was leader in the First Presbyterian Church Choir. Having an offer to go to Chicago on a salary of \$300.00 per year and learn the business of daguerotyping, he moved to Chicago in the fall of 1854. Next year after he bought a gallery at 131 Lake Street. He sang in the First Presbyterian Church, and had control of the choir for 14 years

or until the fire of 1871. During this time he built three fine galleries, one of which was in the Smith & Nixon Bld'g. In this gallery he did a big business. He had 21 employes. The ledger showed one year a business of \$49,000. He paid one artist \$100.00 a week, another \$30., another \$75.00, and so on down. Business boomed then in photography. About this time, Mrs. Fassett and the children went to Paris, she to study painting and art, and the children to attend school under the care of a good governess which they took along. They remained in Paris two years. Mr. Fassett then went over and traveled with Mrs. Fassett through Europe for eight months. On their return to Chicago, Mr. Fassett bought a lot corner of Van Buren and Wabash Ave., where he put up the finest gallery on the continent. The great fire of Oct. 10, 1871 destroyed everything, residence as well as gallery. Loss estimated at \$100,000. This fire destroyed over 1,000 blocks of property, 17,500 houses. The area burned over was 2,124 acres, or about 3 1/2 square miles. The loss in property about \$200,000.000. Mrs. Fassett and the five children, with two servants, went to Jefferson, Ohio. Mr. Fassett remained in Chicago and soon opened up temporary rooms in a temporary building and did a good business in a small way until a second fire terminated his career in Chicago. They then moved to Washington, D. C. and opened up a studio, with every

prospect of a fine business, and everything was going lovely, when, by the failure of the German-American Bank, they again lost heavily, and were obliged to close their studio. Mrs. Fassett had during these years, and by her study while in Paris, become a celebrated portrait painter. She had painted the portraits of Lincoln, Chase, Garfield and many other celebrated people. At the time of the "Electoral Commission", she painted a picture of the Supreme Court Room, with the Commission in Session, showing 268 people in the picture. This painting was purchased by order of Congress, at cost of \$10,000. and now hangs in one of the Senate Galleries. Mrs. Fassett is now painting many miniatures for which she receives good prices. Soon after the suspension of his photograph business, Mr. Fassett secured a position in the Treasury Department, which he held for 6 years, at a salary of \$100.00 per month. He was then out of office during Cleveland's administration for four years, but under Harrison he was appointed photographer for U. S. Treasury Department, at a salary of \$2,000 per year. This office he held till Cleveland was again elected, when he was asked to resign. Thus in brief we have an account of a very busy and eventful life. In addition to all the foregoing may be added that Mr. and Mrs. Fassett have raised a family of 8 children. Their names and short sketch of each can be found on next page. *Mrs Fassett died January 4th 1898*

The children of S. M. Fassett and Cornelia A. Strong-Fassett, are

Walter Samuel Fassett, born May 24, 1852; died June 25, 1876.

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Flora Mac Ivor Fassett, born Sept. 23, 1853, married Clark Hodge, of Cleveland, O., June 16, 1880. Mr. Hodge died in less than one year, and Mrs. Hodge returned to Washington and has been in the Government Post Office Department, on a good salary for the last 15 years.

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Montague Fassett, born June 24, 1863. Never married. Think he is in some office in Chicago.

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Raphael Fassett, born Sept. 10, 1865. Married Ruth E. Jones, of Madison, Wis., Jan. 29th, 1894. He is now in a music store at Madison. He is a fine musician and can play a variety of instruments. He writes and publishes music.

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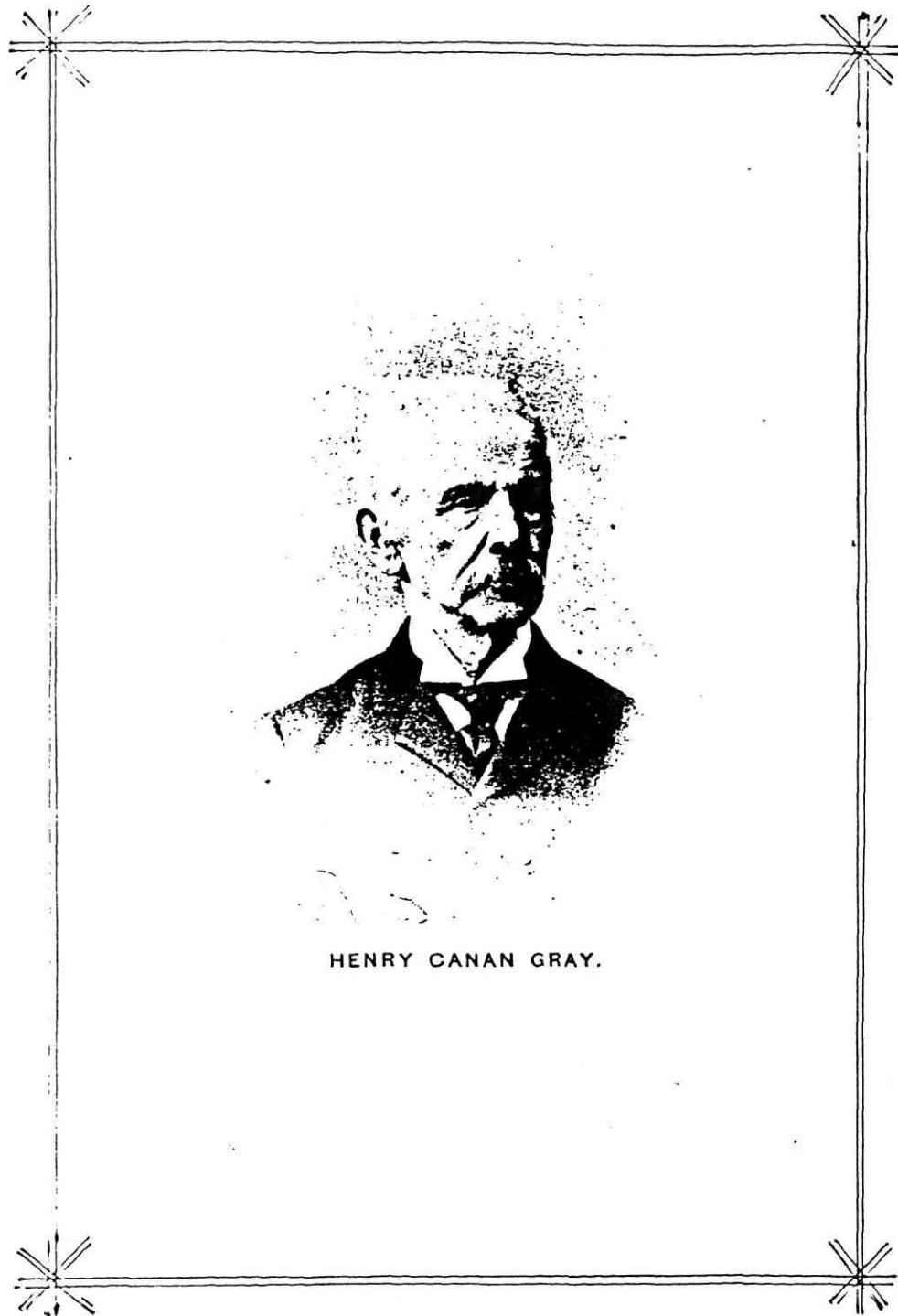
Aibile Fassett, born July 22, 1868, in Paris, France, married Myron Allen Pearce, of Chicago, May 23, 1889. They have two children, Stanley A. Pearce, born Nov. 11, 1891, Adile Pearce, born May 1893. Mr. Pearce is in the real estate and insurance business in Chicago.

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Arthur Fassett, born March 17, 1870.

Clara Fassett, born July 4, 1872

Violet Fassett, born March 23, 1874.



HENRY CANAN GRAY.

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H. C. Gray, the father of Libbie Gray-Nellis and grandfather of John Gray Nellis, was born in Huntington Co., Pa., Dec. 3, 1816. His father, James Gray, was of Scotch Irish descent and belonged to the Presbyterian faith, and was an Elder in that Church. His mother was a daughter of Colonel John Canan, who was a conspicuous figure in the revolutionary War, and was for many years Surveyor General of Pennsylvania. Col. Canan was of English extraction. He died at the age of 85.

H. C. Gray came to Ohio in 1836, and was for many years connected with the press. He was for five years publisher of the Commercial Advertiser of Huron, Ohio. He was one of the founders of the Cleveland Leader. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1850, and with one or two exceptions is now the only living member of that large body who formed the present fundamental laws of the State of Ohio.

Since 1845, Mr. Gray has been a resident of Painesville, Ohio. He was editor and owner of the Painesville Telegraph for 25 years. He kept a book store for 10 years. He has been postmaster several times.

H. C. Gray and Elizabeth B. Doolittle, were married Nov. 3rd, 1840.

She was the daughter of Judge Jocel Doolittle, of Middlebury, Vt., and was born Jan. 7th, 1821. She died in Painesville, Ohio, May 5th, 1886. Seven children were born to them, only three of whom are now living, viz: Libbie Gray-Nellis, Alice Gray-Murray, and William C. Gray.

Libbie Gray and Kate Gray married H. C. and J. R. Nellis, as stated in previous sketches.

Alice Gray married R. M. Murray, cashier of the Marine Bank, of Cleveland, Ohio, where they are now living. They have three children, Jay N. Murray, Helen Murray, and Kate Murray. *Helen Murray died June 23^d 1902, aged about 26*

William C. Gray married Lilly Ramsey, of Piqua, Ohio, They are now living near Philadelphia, Pa. They have two children, both boys.

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C O N C L U S I O N.

From the birth of Christian Nellis, in the German Palatinate, the foregoing records span a space of about two hundred years. "They record the appearance and disappearance of six generations (leaving a portion of the sixth yet on the stage of life) with the introduction of the seventh".

"While no renowned names appear in the seven generations, yet we rejoice to know that there was nothing in the lives of any of them, that we would wish to forget." They were christian, patriotic, law abiding, temperate, energetic self-supporting citizens. They were equally fortunate and happy in the choice of their life partners. The records of the Klocks, Warners, Halis, Fassetts and Grays, are all good and will stand the closest scrutiny.

"If in future years, there are those who may wish to continue these sketches, we trust there will be nothing of family history which will shame them to record."

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Coat of Arms



Nellis

Historiography

The Nellis Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Nellis Coat of Arms design can be found in Rietstap Armorial General. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

D'or a deux coqs hardis adosses de gu., les tetes affr."

When translated the Arms description is:

'Gold, two red roosters back to back, heads facing each other.'

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as

"Un coq hardi de gu., la tete cont."

A translation of the Crest description is:

'A saucy red rooster, head turned around.'

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times.

A Motto was not recorded with the Nellis Coat of Arms.

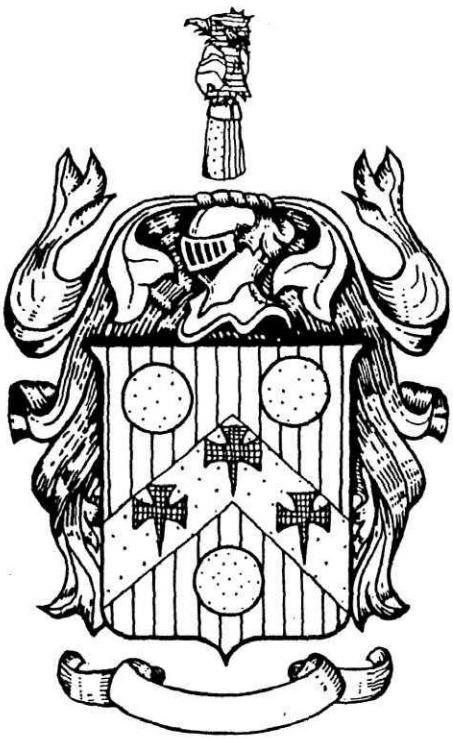
Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Nellis appears to be patronymical in origin, and is believed to be associated with the Irish, meaning, "the son of Niallghus (champion; choice)." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Nellis are Nellis, Mac Nellis, Mac Neillis, Mac Enalis and Nealis.

Census records available disclose the fact there are approximately 650 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Nellis name. The United States Census Bureau estimates there are approximately 3.2 persons per household in America today which yields an approximate total of 2080 people in the United States carrying the Nellis name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Nellis name have made to history.

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Coat of Arms



Historiography

The Smythe Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Smythe Coat of Arms design can be found in Burke's General Armory. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Gu. on a chev. or, betw. three bezants as many crosses pattee fitchée sa."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Red, a gold chevron between three gold coins, and three black pointed crosses."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"A dexter arm couped at the elbow per pale or and gu. cuffed ar. holding in the hand ppr. a griffin's head erased az. beaked and charged with a martlet gold."

A translation of the Crest description is:

"A right arm severed at the elbow, divided vertically in gold and red, cuffed in silver, holding in the hand of flesh color, a blue griffin's head jagged, beaked gold and charged with a gold martlet."

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A Motto was not recorded with the Smythe Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Smythe appears to be occupational in origin, and is believed to be associated with the English, meaning, "one who worked with metals." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Smythe are Smith, Smithe and Smythes.

Census records available disclose the fact there are approximately 1000 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Smythe name. The United States Census Bureau estimates there are approximately 3.2 persons per household in America today which yields an approximate total of 3200 people in the United States carrying the Smythe name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Smythe name have made to history.

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